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FRANK L. OLIPHANT.

One of the surprises of modern times, unknown before the advent of the telegraph and the railroad but standing out more clearly in very recent years, is the rapid growth of important business enterprises. Not like Jonah's gourd, which we are told sprang up in a night and disappeared the next day, are many of these magnificent creations of the marvelous brain of man. Some of them assumed tangible shape quickly, but fostered and encouraged by genius, they have grown from a slender sapling to a great tree which, like the banyan, gives shelter to thousands.

In the list of great modern enterprises should be named the Vincennes Bridge Company. Conceived only ten years ago and starting only as a little factory with a small financial foundation but great expectations, the Vincennes Bridge Company has gained a name which is known all over the world and is today one of the largest manufactories of highway bridges in existence. Its output of twelve hundred bridges yearly fails to meet the constantly increasing demand and extensive plans are made for large additions. The plant is thoroughly modern and is supplied with all the machinery and devices for fabricating the iron and steel into shape and reducing the material to sizes convenient for transportation and handling, at the place of consignment. This plant is one of the most important works at Vincennes and as its output has already reached a million dollars a year, the prospect of largely increased capacity is regarded with unmixed gratification by everybody interested in the welfare and growth of the city.

Frank L. Oliphant was one of the original promoters and is general manager and treasurer of the great enterprise briefly outlined above. He is a native of Monroe county, Indiana, having been born at Buena Vista on the 29th of March, 1865. His father, William L. Oliphant, was born in the same village when it was just emerging from the pioneer state of its ex-

istence and his mother was Susan Bowen, also a native of Monroe county. Six children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Oliphant, of whom the subject of this sketch is the oldest. Other members of the family are: John T., now president of the Vincennes Bridge Company; H. A., superintendent of the company; Ada, now Mrs. Robert Cameron, of Vincennes; Ida, now the wife of Dr. Eugene Bowers, also of Vincennes; and Mrs. Eva Smith, of Illinois. The father, who was a farmer all his life, removed to Vincennes in 1904 and lives upon his farm which is about a quarter of a mile from the city. He is still active although well advanced in years and is one who has always borne his full part in the duties and responsibilities of a large family and in the upbuilding of the community.

Frank L. Oliphant received his preliminary education in the public schools, later attending the State University and the Central Normal College, a noted school, at Danville, Indiana, from which he was graduated as a teacher in 1893. He taught school for seven years prior to graduation and continued in the same calling for seven years after receiving his diploma. The latter part of his experience as a teacher was spent as principal of schools in Nebraska and Colorado, four years being passed in the Centennial state whose grand mountains and marvelous attractions of scenery and climate made a lasting impression upon his mind. In 1898, however, the spell which held him in the mountains was broken by a call to his old home.

Here he became associated with his brother, John T. Oliphant, and J. L. Riddle in founding the Vincennes Bridge Company, to which he has since given his almost undivided attention. Mr. Oliphant is the happy possessor of two accomplishments seldom met with in the same person—high education and unusual business ability. The educated man has in the past usually been found on the salaried list while the man with the business brains has occupied a position at the helm. Perhaps the world is changing and the time has arrived when book training does not incapacitate its possessor from large responsibilities at the head of a great business concern. In the case of Mr. Oliphant this seems to be true and no one who has visited the plant and noted the perfection of its workings will draw a line and say, "thus far and no farther." Its possibilities in an age when means of transportation over roadways are growing by leaps and bounds, no mind can foretell:

Mr. Oliphant was united in marriage in March, 1884, to Miss M. Elma Martindale, of Cincinnati, Indiana, who died leaving one child, Earl, who is now married and in charge of a farm near Oaktown. In 1899 Mr. Oliphant married Hattie Martindale, a sister of his first wife, and to them has been born a daughter, Leona.

Although Mr. Oliphant is a busy man he has not shirked the obligations which men of large interests are expected to discharge in their community. He is a director of the German National Bank, a member of the Board of Trade, and his name is on the rolls of the Masonic order, the Elks and other fraternal and benevolent societies. While as a teacher he attained an enviable rank in the educational world, as manager of a large business corpor-

ation, with interests reaching out to the four quarters of the earth, he has attained honorable distinction and has materially assisted in establishing a great company whose name is a monument to foresight, energy, ability and fidelity to an important trust.

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### J. L. KLEMEYER.

J. L. Klemeyer, general manager of the Klemeyer Lumber Company, which was organized in May, 1908, and is now operating extensively in southeastern Illinois and southwestern Indiana, with headquarters at Vincennes, is a native of Bremen, Germany, born on the 30th of June, 1880. His life record is another proof of the fact that the young men are constantly forging to the front and, embodying the alert progressive spirit of the times, are active in the control of extensive and important business interests. His father, J. L. Klemeyer, also a native of Bremen, died in 1899. His mother, who in her maidenhood was Johannah Arndt, is still living in Germany.

In the schools of the fatherland J. L. Klemeyer acquired a thorough education, becoming well grounded in the fundamental and basic principles of learning. The opportunities of the new world attracted him, and when fifteen years of age he came to the United States to make his fortune. For a short time he remained in New York, but the opportunities which he there found were not to his liking, and he proceeded westward to southeastern Missouri, where he secured a situation in a logging camp. He resolved that in his position at Greenview, Missouri, he would so prove his worth that more advantageous positions would open to him. He remained at Greenview for five years gradually working his way upward and thoroughly learning the lumber business, with which he became familiar in every phase. A young man of good presence, of laudable ambition and unflinching energy, however, could not be kept in a logging camp, and there came to him an advanced opportunity, when he was sent upon the road for the Frost-Trigg Lumber Company of St. Louis. He represented that firm in the middle west for eight years, during which period his sales largely augmented the trade of the house, and at the same time brought him a wide acquaintance among lumber men of that section of the country. His widening experience also qualified him for larger responsibilities and, in May, 1908, he joined with some prominent capitalists in organizing the Klemeyer Lumber Company, which was incorporated on the 18th of that month and began business in Vincennes. The officers of the company are: C. D. Johnson of St. Louis, president; H. W. Wagon of St. Louis, vice president and treasurer; and A. J. Mott, secretary; with Mr. Klemeyer as general manager. The notably brilliant success of the company during the brief period of its existence is to be attributable to

the able management of Mr. Klemeyer. At the outset the company owned but one yard; today eight are being operated—two in Vincennes, together with the yards at Bridgeport, Marshall and Newton, Illinois; at Oak-town, Washington, and Wheatland, Indiana. The business was capitalized at the beginning for fifty thousand dollars, but on the 18th of May, 1910, the capital stock was increased to one hundred thousand dollars. The general offices are located at Vincennes and all business is managed from this point.

In 1902 Mr. Klemeyer was married to Miss Nellie Johnson, a native of Effingham, Illinois, and unto them have been born four children: John L., Harold, Robert and Dorothy. Mr. Klemeyer holds membership with the Masons, the Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Hoo Hoos, the last an organization of lumbermen.

The life history of Mr. Klemeyer is indeed a notable and commendable one. Coming to this country a youth of fifteen years, unacquainted with the language and the customs of the people, roughing it in a lumber camp, later traveling upon the road, and now director of an extensive and growing business—such a history is unusual and one of which he has every reason to be proud. His ability as a manager is pronounced and he possesses excellent judgment while his integrity is above question. His actions are sincere, his manner unaffected, and his example is indeed worthy of emulation.

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#### W. M. WILLMORE.

In the year 1891 W. M. Willmore entered the employ of the Hartman Manufacturing Company as office boy; today he is general manager and the business, conducted along progressive lines, owes its success in recent years largely to the ability, energy and close application of him whose name introduces this review. A native of Illinois, Mr. Willmore was born in Dubois on the 12th of November, 1871, and comes of English and Holland Dutch ancestry. His people in the paternal line were from Kentucky while his maternal ancestors were from North Carolina.

His father, W. C. Willmore, a native of Indiana, was a blacksmith by trade and prior to the Civil war removed to Dubois, where he continued in business until the outbreak of hostilities, when he enlisted in defense of the Union, serving for four years with the Eighty-ninth Illinois Regiment. He took part in eighteen important battles and was mustered out with the rank of sergeant. His loyalty was unquestioned for he never faltered in the performance of any duty assigned him, and with courageous spirit he faced the enemy's fire or bravely bore the hardships of the long marches and the arduous campaigns. After the war he established his home in Knox county, opening a blacksmith shop at Monroe City,

whence in 1882 he removed to Vincennes and here engaged in the implement business, in which he continued until his death. He was a republican in his political views and while an active, earnest worker in behalf of the party, never sought nor desired office for himself. He held membership in Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and also in the chapter and the commandery of this city, and his life was the exemplification of the basic principles of the Masonic order which teaches mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. He married Amanda Sams, a native of southern Illinois, and they became the parents of three sons and three daughters, of whom three were born in Knox county. All of the children are yet living but the family circle was broken by the death of the father in 1898, when he was fifty-seven years of age. Mrs. Willmore's death occurred in 1887.

When quite young W. M. Willmore was brought by his parents to Knox county and at the age of eleven years became a resident of Vincennes, where he continued his education in the public schools. No better testimonial of his trustworthiness and capability in business can be given than the statement of the fact since he entered business circles he has been continuously connected with the Hartman Manufacturing Company, which was organized in 1889 by C. R. Hartman, Edward Watson, Fred Harsh and J. H. Rabb. Of these Mr. Watson is now president of the company. The business is devoted to the manufacture of small agricultural implements or what is known to the trade as small tools. They began business in a limited way in a blacksmith shop at Third and Broadway and subsequently removed to Fifth and Hickman streets, where they rented the old Sechler foundry. In 1899 the present factory was built and occupied. It is a modern structure, supplied with the latest improved machinery, and the plant covers three acres. The business has grown enormously, the trade having increased very rapidly in the middle west and southern states. Mr. Willmore entered the employ of the company in 1891 as office boy, shipping clerk and bookkeeper, one person being able to do the work of all those positions at that time. In 1895 he went upon the road, representing the company as traveling salesman until 1902. In the fall of that year he took charge of the business and has since been general manager. His thorough understanding of the trade in every department well qualified him for the responsibilities which he assumed and for the duties which he has now discharged most acceptably for eight years. His efforts have been a valuable element in the conduct of the business and his long connection with the house speaks in unmistakable terms of the confidence reposed in him.

In 1899 in Indianapolis Mr. Willmore was united in marriage to Miss Florence Wilson, a native of Scottsburg, Indiana, and they have one son, William Hugh, born April 8, 1900. Mr. Willmore is a member of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of which he served as master for three years, filling that position during the centennial year of the lodge,

1909, which was made the occasion of most interesting celebrations. He likewise belongs to Vincennes Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Vincennes Council, No. 9, R. & S. M.; and Vincennes Commandery, No. 20, K. T. He is regarded as one of the leading and valued representatives of Masonry in this city and he also belongs to the Travelers Protective Association and an organization known as the United Commercial Travelers. In politics he is an earnest and active republican, now serving as chairman of the county central committee and also as a member of the city council from the fifth ward. He exercises his official prerogatives in support of every measure that he deems of public benefit and is ever most loyal to the principles which he espouses. Indeed his position is never an equivocal one upon any vital question. He belongs to the Presbyterian church, and with an abiding interest, deep and sincere, in the welfare of his fellowmen, he has labored industriously for the promotion of those movements calculated to advance the material, social, political and moral welfare of the city.

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#### EDWARD W. DREIMAN.

Knox county has been signally favored in the class of men who have filled her offices, for on the whole they have been actuated by a spirit of devotion to the public good and in the discharge of their duties have manifested both ability and fidelity. To this class belongs Edward W. Dreiman, who is now county treasurer and a highly respected resident of Vincennes. He is one of the native sons of the county, his birth having occurred in Freelandville, December 4, 1868. As the name indicates, he came of German ancestry. His father, Adolph Dreiman, was born in Germany and in the early '40s crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling in Widner township, Knox county, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits. He was married there to Miss Droste and continued to abide upon his farm in that locality until 1884, when he removed to Palmyra township and made his home with his son William until his death, which occurred in 1902, when he had passed the ninety-second milestone on life's journey. His wife died during the early boyhood of her son Edward. The family numbered fifteen children, seven sons and eight daughters.

Edward W. Dreiman was educated in the country schools and in the public schools of Vincennes. He entered business circles as an employe of the firm of Bierhaus & Sons, wholesale grocers, in 1887. For twelve years he remained with that firm, his merit and ability winning him promotion from time to time, until he reached a position of large responsibility. At length he started in business on his own account, establishing a grocery store in Vincennes which he conducted for four years. In 1901

he was appointed deputy county treasurer and thus served until 1908, when he was elected to the office of treasurer on the democratic ticket. He has long been active in political circles and his efforts in behalf of the democracy have been far-reaching and beneficial.

In September, 1896, Mr. Dreiman was united in marriage to Miss Emma Frigge, a native of Vincennes and a daughter of Fred Frigge. Mr. Dreiman is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Royal Arcanum, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World, while his religious faith is indicated in his membership in St. John's Evangelical church, of which he is a trustee. He has never been neglectful of any duty of citizenship and since called to public office is proving his worth in the prompt and efficient performance of the duties which devolve upon him. He has always been a resident of Knox county to which he is deeply attached, and his interest in her welfare is manifest in his active cooperation in all the movements and measures for the public good.

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#### PERRY DULANEY GREEN.

Perry Dulaney Green, editor of the Vincennes Capital, was born at the corner of Seventh and Main streets in the city of Vincennes on the 2d of August, 1876, a son of John L. and Frances (Markley) Green. His father is also a native of this city and a son of William Green, Sr., who in the ninety-ninth year of his life is now enjoying good health. He came to Vincennes in 1831 and built and conducted the first theater in this city. John L. Green was at one time a member of the city council from the third ward and was once a candidate for treasurer of Knox county but was defeated. He engaged in the grain and milling business in Vincennes until July, 1894, when he removed to Indianapolis where he still conducts a grain business.

Perry Dulaney Green continued his education until he left Vincennes University at the close of his junior year to accompany his parents upon their removal to Indianapolis in 1894. At that time he turned his attention to business pursuits, accepting the position of packer in his father's corn mill. Later he became a clerk for the Western Union Telegraph Company in the main office at Indianapolis in 1895, at a salary of fifteen dollars per month. He remained with the company for five years, during which period he received five promotions. In July, 1901, he secured sixty days' leave of absence in order to try his hand at reporting for the Vincennes Capital, a daily newspaper published at Vincennes, Indiana. He found the work congenial and in March, 1902, with Frank W. Curtis and John Ralph Du Kate, purchased the paper which they have since published, conducting at the same time a successful job printing plant. Mr. Green

has acted as editor of the paper since becoming one of its proprietors and his articles, clear, concise and to the point, displaying, too, a comprehensive knowledge of the subject under discussion, have been a marked feature of interest in the paper and a factor in its success.

On the 28th October, 1903, in Vincennes, Mr. Green was married to Miss Margaret M. Du Kate, a daughter of Dr. John B. and Mary M. Du Kate, the father a leading physician of Vincennes and a very prominent member of many fraternal orders.

Mr. and Mrs. Green hold membership in the First Presbyterian church and he became the first secretary of the First Presbyterian Brotherhood Association. His military experience covers four years' service with Company A of the University Cadets, during which period he won the first government medal ever given in Vincennes University for accurate target practice. This company served in the One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Regiment during the Spanish-American war, which occurred after Mr. Green left school. Fraternally he is connected with the Royal Arcanum lodge of Vincennes. He was the organizer of the Lincoln League of Knox county in 1910 and is prominently connected with other organizations which are important features in the life of the city, being a director of the Vincennes Art Association, a member of the Vincennes Board of Trade, the Vincennes Merchants & Manufacturers Association and of the Pastime Club.

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### B. T. WHITEHOUSE.

B. T. Whitehouse, general manager of the Wabash Automobile Company, was the pioneer in this field in Vincennes, establishing the first garage in the city. He is a native of the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth having occurred in the city of Pana, on the 9th of September, 1879. At the usual age he began his education in the public schools, promotion advancing him through successive grades, while later he added to his preliminary training by pursuing a two years' business course in a night school.

He has made his home in Vincennes since 1885 and for a time was engaged in the bicycle business but as the use for the wheel declined and the automobile grew into general favor he turned his attention to the motor car and opened the first garage in Vincennes. From that time he has been continuously connected with the automobile business, which he is now carrying on under the name of the Wabash Automobile Company, of which he is the general manager. The building which he occupies at the present time was built for him by Joseph J. Risch and is especially adapted to the purpose for which it is used. Mr. Whitehouse conducts a repair department, engages in the sale of auto supplies and also handles a number of the best known makes of machines.



In 1903, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Whitehouse and Miss Rosella Wheeler, and unto them has been born an interesting little son, Maurice, who is the light and life of the household. The parents hold membership in the Christian church and are loyal to its teachings. Mr. Whitehouse has become a popular business man of the city and his close application, his honesty and his unremitting labor are bringing him the substantial success which is the goal of all legitimate endeavor and ambition.

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### J. G. JONES, M. D.

Dr. J. G. Jones, whose ability in his profession is manifest in the success which is attending him, his practice being now extensive and gratifying, is numbered among Indiana's native sons, his birth having occurred in Bloomfield. He traces his ancestry back to England. His great-great-grandfather, John Jones, served as an English soldier in the Revolutionary war, being with the troops under the command of Lord Cornwallis, holding official rank. He was the first of this family to come to America. He had previously seen service in France together with his brothers, for they were "soldiers of fortune." John Jones became a resident and an extensive slave owner of South Carolina and it was there that his grandson John was born and reared, but when a young man the grandson left the family home in the south and made his way northward, settling in Bloomfield, Indiana, where he made extensive investment in property, becoming the owner of large tracts of land. He was also a man of prominence in public affairs, was influential in political circles and for two terms was chosen to represent his district in the house of representatives, being elected on the ticket of the Democratic party. After leaving the south he married Margaret Glover, who came of a family that was represented in the American army during the war for independence.

William G. Jones, the father of Dr. Jones, was born in Bloomfield, Indiana, and acquired his education in Asbury College. He became a farmer and landowner, and was a prominent representative of the agricultural interests of the state. He married Eliza Sargent, who belonged to an old Virginia family whose members set their slaves free and came to the north, some of the family joining the Union army and fighting for the preservation of the Federal government in their native state. When war was ended they returned to the north, remaining residents of Indiana. Dr. Jones is also connected with the Bruce Carr family and is thus descended from several of the oldest and most prominent families of the state.

At the usual age Dr. Jones became a pupil in the common schools of Bloomfield and prepared for college in the Indianapolis high school, in which he completed the course and was graduated. He afterward entered

Purdue University and was graduated. His preparation for the profession which he now follows was made in the department of medicine of the Indiana University. He has also pursued post-graduate courses in the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois and the Chicago Post-graduate College. In early manhood he was at one time connected with newspaper work in Indianapolis and afterward was employed as a chemist in a gold camp in the west. His professional career covers a short period of service as assistant to the physicians in the State Hospital for the Insane at Indianapolis and he was also city physician of Indianapolis for one year. Later he received appointment to the position of house physician at the German Deaconess Hospital at Indianapolis, where he continued for a year, and during his hospital term he was a member of the faculty of the Indiana University, where he lectured on anatomy. While residing in the capital he was also instructor in bacteriology in the Deaconess Training School for Nurses, and at the present writing is a lecturer in the Good Samaritan Hospital of Vincennes. He came to this city in 1905 and has since followed his profession here, his pronounced ability winning him recognition in a large and growing practice.

Dr. Jones is a member of the First Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as an elder, and the principles which govern his conduct are further indicated by the fact that he is an exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity. All interests which affect the welfare of mankind and have bearing upon the advancement and growth of the city are of interest to him, yet his time and attention are mainly occupied by his professional duties, and in this relation he holds membership in the Knox County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and other scientific societies. His ability has carried him far beyond the point of mediocrity and the consensus of public opinion establishes his reputation as that of one of the foremost physicians of the city.

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#### HON. JAMES D. McDOWELL, M. D.

Hon. James D. McDowell, to whom the citizens of Vincennes have accorded the highest political honor within their gift, electing him to the office of mayor in January, 1910, is, moreover, prominently known in this city as a capable physician of pronounced ability and wide experience. He is also a representative of one of the old and honored families of Vincennes, a son of Dr. M. M. McDowell, now senator from the district comprised of Knox and Sullivan counties. The father was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, in 1845, and is a representative of the medical profession. For many years he has practiced in Vincennes where he is recognized as a close and discriminating student, correct in the application of his broad

knowledge to the needs of his patients. At the time of the Civil war he served with the cavalry forces under General Phil Sheridan, being a member of the Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. He participated in many important engagements and was at Appomatox Courthouse when General Lee surrendered. In community affairs he has also taken a prominent and active part. He served as sheriff of Knox county from 1887 until 1892, having filled out an unexpired term while twice he was elected to the office. Higher honors, however, awaited him in his election to the state senate, where he is now proving himself an active working member of that body, connected with considerable constructive legislation. He married Miss Sarah B. McConnell and unto them have been born three sons and a daughter, all yet living, namely: James D.; William F., who married Bessie Fitzgerald; Bailey M.; and Mida, the wife of Oscar L. Homer.

Dr. James D. McDowell was born in Freelandville, Knox county, on the 25th of August, 1874, and the public schools of Vincennes provided him his educational privileges. He passed through the consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school with the class of 1891 and then began preparation for the practice of medicine, his preparatory reading being supplemented by a course in the Hospital College of Medicine at Louisville, Kentucky, from which he was graduated in June, 1894. He entered at once upon active practice in connection with his father in Vincennes, and for sixteen years gave his undivided attention to his professional duties. In January, 1910, however, he assumed the office of mayor to which he had been elected by his fellow townsmen. There is a growing demand at the present time for practical business men in the political offices, that the business interests entrusted to their care may be best conserved and that the affairs of the office shall be administered along the lines of economy and of progress. It was this demand that led to the selection of Dr. McDowell for the office which he is now creditably filling. Since the abolishment of the position of police judge the duties of that office have devolved upon the mayor, whose management of all municipal business affairs coming under his jurisdiction has won the approval of all. He had previously served as health officer and from 1901 until 1905 had been a member of the board of United States pension examiners. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party, for his study of the questions and issues of the day have led him to the belief that it contains the best elements of good government.

Dr. McDowell belongs to the Knox County Medical Society, and is an ex-president of the society; the Lancet Club, a local organization of physicians; the Indiana State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is a past exalted ruler of Vincennes Lodge, No. 291, B. P. O. E., and is past H. P. of Vincennes Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M. At the present writing he is T. I. M. of Vincennes Council, No. 9, R. & S. M., while his association with the initial body of Masons is with Vin-

cennes Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M. He is also a member of the Pastime Club and is a charter member of the Old Post Country Club. His tastes and interests are largely indicated by his handsomely appointed office which is adorned with various works of art, while palms, ferns and flowers add to the attractiveness of the place. The rooms are finished in rough oak and the surroundings indicate that a love and appreciation for the beautiful in nature and art constitutes an even balance to business ability and professional skill in the life of Dr. McDowell.

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### CURTIS GROVER SHAKE.

Among the youngest of the practicing attorneys of Knox county Curtis Grover Shake is in the opinion of his friends one of the most highly promising. Born in this county in 1887, Mr. Shake is now twenty-three years of age. It was in August, 1910, that he entered actively upon the pursuit that he has chosen as his life work. It is doubtful whether any young lawyer of western Indiana ever began practice under more favorable auspices or with a more creditable record as a student in school and college, and therefore his course will be noted by many with an interest which is not ordinarily awakened.

Mr. Shake is a son of D. W. and Frances (Wyant) Shake. The father was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1860, and engaged in farming. The mother is a native of Knox county and was born in 1869. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shake: Curtis G., our subject; Lyman G.; Bert; and Arman, all at home. Mr. Shake seems to have been unusually fortunate in his ancestry. His great-grandfather, James Jarrell, was a native of Virginia and fought in the Revolutionary war. He was with George Rogers Clark at the capture of Vincennes and was given a land grant in Kentucky by the government in recognition of his services. He came to Indiana as one of the early settlers and also participated in the war of 1812. There were two grandfathers in the Civil war—John Shake and William Wyant. Grandfather Wyant was a member of the first military company that left Vincennes in the Civil war and was in the Twenty-fourth Indiana Regiment of Volunteers. He was wounded at the Siege of Vicksburg and a brother of Mr. Shake's great-grandmother, Richard M. Johnson, of Kentucky, was the slayer of the Indian Chief Tecumseh in the battle of the Thames and was afterward elected vice president of the United States.

Having received his preliminary education in the common schools, Mr. Shake became a student at Vincennes University, from which he was graduated in 1906. After teaching school for two years he entered the law department of the State University at Bloomington, Indiana, and was graduated in 1910, since which time he has engaged in practice with offices

in the new La Plante Building. Before entering college Mr. Shake studied law under Cullup & Shaw, of Vincennes.

As a student he showed remarkable proficiency, completing his high school course in three years, and while at Vincennes University he won every oratorical prize that was offered in that institution, among others being the winner of the Gould gold medal in 1906. This medal has been awarded annually by Major William P. Gould since 1885. He was the winner of the third prize in the Indiana State Oratorical contest in 1908 and was a member of the college debating team for two years and orator of the graduating class of the Indiana University June 20, 1910. While at college he was president of the Oratorical Association and also of the Young Men's Christian Association, and was recognized as being a natural orator of unusual force and great fluency. During his college years he was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, a legal fraternity known as the Phi Delta Phi, and an oratorical society, the Delta Sigma Rho. By virtue of his ancestry he holds membership in the Sons of the American Revolution and he is also identified with the F. & A. M. Politically Mr. Shake is affiliated with the democratic party and as a believer in the inspiration of the Bible, he accepts the teachings as expounded by the Christian church. In the various relations of life Mr. Shake has so far discharged his duties most creditably and, judging by the beginning he has made, there is little doubt that he will continue along the lines of the high ideals which have had a controlling influence in his career.

In concluding this brief personal sketch it may be appropriate to quote a few words as showing the spirit by which our subject is actuated, from the address of Mr. Shake to his classmates, in 1910. In that address he said: "Choose a work worth while—one which offers an opportunity for personal success and which will at the same time make the world better; then bring to that work all the inspiration and earnestness of one who believe he has a holy mission to perform."

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#### REV. A. OSTER.

The disputed province of Alsace, belonging at times to Germany and again to France, over which various wars have been waged—the district being the coveted prize of each country—was the birthplace of A. Oster, his natal day being February 23, 1852. His parents, James and Sophia (Claus) Oster, were also natives of that country. The son was educated in the city of Strassburg as a student in Le Petit Seminaire and studied theology there for one year. In 1873 he came to the United States and completed his studies in the theological seminary at Indianapolis, after which he was ordained for the priesthood in that city by Bishop De Saint Palais on the 25th of May, 1875.

Entering upon his chosen life work he became assistant at Holy Trinity church in Evansville, where he remained for two years, at the expiration of which period he came to Vincennes as assistant to Father John Gueguen, whom he aided in his pastoral labors for four years. Father Oster then visited Europe, after which he remained for four years as priest of the church at Cambridge City. He next went to Columbus, Indiana, where he had charge of the church of St. Bartholomew for twenty-two years, a period in which he did splendid work in the upbuilding of the congregation and the extension of the church influence in that district. In 1907 he returned to Vincennes to take charge of the church of St. Francis Xavier and has since labored in this parish. Many improvements have been made including the purchase and installation of a new organ, a steam plant and new windows. A gallery has also been put in and many improvements have been made in other points, particularly in the work of the schools which are maintained in the parish.

Father Oster is a man of broad, scholarly attainment and is popular with Protestants and Catholics alike, having the social qualities and the religious tolerance which win kindly regard and appreciation on the part of all who know him.

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### EDWARD WATSON.

Among the veteran business men of Vincennes Edward Watson is easily accorded a place of honor and nothing that could be written, either complimentary or otherwise, would in any degree affect the opinion of lifelong friends and associates who have had many opportunities of knowing his worth. The son of a pioneer, Mr. Watson is himself a pioneer who not only assisted in the construction of the great overland railway to the Pacific coast but has been a witness of the changes that have revolutionized thought and industry in a vast region and founded an empire where previously were the wilderness and the roving Indian. Today in peace and prosperity he looks back on a life of activity and usefulness and as the head of a happy family, recalls incidents and reminiscences of men and events that would make a volume of surpassing interest.

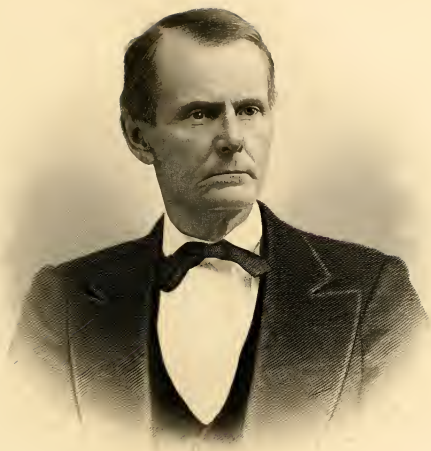
Mr. Watson was born at Vincennes, September 21, 1846, a son of Louis Latour and Lydia (Fellows) Watson. His grandfather was Robert Goa Watson, a southern man, who was the owner of a large plantation and was also a judge. He was identified with the fur trade in the early days along the Ohio, Mississippi and other rivers and, while on a business trip to Vincennes with his wife, Louis Latour was born April 10, 1809. The father of our subject died in Vincennes at the advanced age of ninety-three, on the 2d of May, 1902. The mother was a native of New York state.





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Truly Yours

Louis L. Watson



Edward Watson was educated at Vincennes and Greencastle, Indiana. In 1869, when scarcely more than a boy, he was seized with the western fever, which had attracted thousands of promising young men to the Pacific coast. In the early part of the '70s he crossed on the overland trail to California and for seven years was in business there. He then became identified with the building of the Central Pacific Railway, afterward spending some time as an employe in the pay department of the United States navy yard at Vallejo, California. Few men now living have witnessed the stirring scenes in which this young adventurer from Indiana took an active part. He saw the Indian and the buffalo rapidly disappearing before the onward march of civilization and today where the caravan camped on the streams, plains and mountains are to be seen cultivated farms or flourishing towns. Many of the mining camps which he visited, then teeming with thousands of excited gold hunters, are now deserted for new fields and the spot is marked only by crumbling logs and great chasms extending hundreds of feet into the earth where the abandoned mines have caved in. In 1871, Mr. Watson, at twenty-five years of age, decided to revisit the scenes of his boyhood and returned to Vincennes. For a year he was connected with the Depot Hotel, which was opened about the time of his return. He then once more made the trip to California, this time in a transcontinental train which accomplished the journey in five days, it having required six months by wagon during the period of the gold hunters. In San Francisco he engaged in the house furnishing business but in 1876, the centennial year, he came once more to Vincennes by way of Panama and was placed in charge of the Union Depot Hotel. Here he has remained, buying other interests from time to time, and he is now the owner and manager of this valuable property. He has been very active in business affairs and is president of the Hartman Manufacturing Company; vice president of the Farmers National Bank of Wheatland, Indiana; a director of the First National Bank of Vincennes; and an officer or stockholder in many other companies. For twenty-six years he acted as president of the Board of Trade and in that capacity was the means of securing for Vincennes the location of many of the largest manufacturing enterprises now in successful operation in the city. At all times he has put forth every effort to build up the community and his services are universally recognized by citizens of all classes.

Mr. Watson was united in marriage July 2, 1902, to Miss Anna Staley, and they have three children: Edward Dean, aged seven years; Louis Latour Ferdinand, aged five; and Helen Frances, aged three.

Mr. Watson is an intelligent man of wide observation and large experience with the world. In the course of a varied career, he has tried his hand at nearly all honorable occupations. He has never been afraid to work and whatever he has attempted to do he has undertaken with an energy that has generally produced tangible results. He is essentially what is known as a self-made man, and such men are fearless in following any path that their judgment indicates will lead to victory. For years he has been recognized

as one of the foremost citizens of Vincennes. He is a democrat but has never had ambition to fill a political office, although he has many times assisted friends in political campaigns. For four years, ending in 1910, he was a member of the board of public works and much of permanent good to the city was accomplished during this period. In social circles he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he is also a member of the Pastime Club. Mr. Watson is widely known to the traveling public. He is known as a successful business man and a patriotic citizen and one whose sympathies readily respond to all worthy calls. It is doubtful if there is any honor he might ask for within the gift of the community in which he was born that would not be granted. This is a distinction available to few, but in all cases to those only who by a useful life have proven their worthiness.

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### J. H. JONES.

The proof of the business ability of J. H. Jones is seen in the National Rolling Mill, which since 1905 has been one of the important industrial concerns of Vincennes. As its secretary and treasurer Mr. Jones has contributed in large measure to its growth and his sound judgment and enterprise are proving potent factors in the continued extension of its trade interests. He therefore stands as an excellent representative of the progressive class of Vincennes' business men. He was born in Steeleville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1863, a son of Emmor and Mary (Rakestraw) Jones, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state, where the father is still living at the age of seventy-eight years.

In the public schools of his native county J. H. Jones pursued his education, but from the age of sixteen years has been dependent upon his own resources, his record being marked by a steady progression that indicates the wise and ready use of the advantages and opportunities that have come to him. He started out as a telegraph operator and continued at that business for twenty years on the Lake Shore Railroad, being advanced through successive promotions involving large responsibilities until he became chief train dispatcher at Lima, Ohio, and Muncie, Indiana. He terminated his active connection with the railroad system to become a factor in the conduct of the National Rolling Mill at Hartford, Indiana. He was one of the organizers of the company in 1902 and was chosen its secretary and treasurer. After operations were continued for three years at Hartford the plant was removed to Vincennes, where the business has grown rapidly until it has reached extensive proportions. It has increased threefold since the removal and is today one of the important industries of the city, employing four hundred men. The plant covers

five acres of ground and is thoroughly equipped with the most modern machinery necessary for the successful conduct of the business. The prosperity of the enterprise is largely due to Mr. Jones and S. N. Bradshaw, who is general manager.

On the 23d of October, 1896, at Lima, Ohio, Mr. Jones was married to Eugenia Ralston, a native of Harrison county, that state. They have gained many friends during their residence in Vincennes and are well known as worthy members of the Presbyterian church. Individual activity and determination have been the salient factors in the life record of Mr. Jones. His life has been devoted to his business, his home and his church, and he stands as a high type of American manhood and citizenship. He never hesitates in the performance of a duty and his absolute fidelity and trustworthiness have been important factors in winning him the high degree of success he has attained in the business world.

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#### WILLIAM F. RECKER.

William F. Recker was numbered among those merchants whose line of business is regarded as an essential element in every community, being for a considerable period connected with the grocery trade. The salient features of his business life were such as commended him to the confidence and good will of all and insured him a liberal patronage. Vincennes had reason to be proud of him as one of her native sons. His birth occurred in this city September 16, 1862, his parents being August and Catharine Recker. The father was a carpenter who after mastering the trade took up contracting and became one of the most prominent contractors and builders of Vincennes, closely associated for a long period with its building operations, many evidences of his handiwork being found in the business blocks and residences of the city.

William F. Recker was provided with good educational privileges, completing his course by graduation from one of the Catholic schools of this city. He entered business life as clerk in a grocery store, becoming an employe of William Vollmer, with whom he remained up to the time Mr. Vollmer was elected county treasurer. Mr. Recker then purchased the store of which he remained sole proprietor up to the time of his death. He had long been connected with the establishment and built up an extensive trade, handling a full line of staple and fancy groceries, his reasonable prices, fair dealing and prompt delivery of goods securing for him a large and gratifying trade.

On the 24th of November, 1891, Mr. Recker was united in marriage to Mrs. Emma Heckman, nee Terhar, a daughter of Herman and Jane (Folo) Terhar. Both of her parents were of German birth and on coming to the United States made their way direct to Vincennes. The father

was a contractor and soon became closely associated with the building industry of the city. Unto Mrs. Recker by her former marriage had been born a son Charles. By the second marriage there was one daughter, Corinne, who has now finished her education and is engaged in teaching music.

Mr. Recker was a member of the Catholic Knights and of a benevolent society. He was also connected with some fraternal insurance organizations. He passed away December 27, 1906, at the age of forty-four years, which period had been entirely spent in Vincennes. That many of his staunchest friends were those who had known him from his boyhood until his death is indication that his life was ever an upright and honorable one.

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### S. N. BRADSHAW.

S. N. Bradshaw, general manager of the National Rolling Mill, one of the important enterprises which has made Vincennes a manufacturing center of the Ohio Valley, was born in Marion county, Ohio, on the 12th of January, 1860. His father, Richard R. Bradshaw, a native of Virginia, made farming his life work. He married Catherine Bruce, a native of Ohio, who died in 1899, while his death occurred in 1909.

Spending his youthful days in his parent's home, S. N. Bradshaw pursued his education in the public schools of Marion county, while the work which he did upon the home farm impressed upon his mind the value of industry and perseverance. He left home in 1878 to become a factor in other business undertakings, turning his attention to the study of telegraphy. For some time he served as an operator in Ohio, after which he went to New York, where he attended a business college, pursuing a commercial and stenographic course. He was afterward with the general manager of the Erie Railroad and subsequently with the Santa Fe Railroad Company as stenographer and typewriter to the general superintendent of motive power of the road. Mr. Bradshaw left the Santa Fe in 1888 and went to Findlay, Ohio, becoming secretary to the general manager of the Findlay Rolling Mill Company of that place. For five years he continued there and at the end of that time became representative for the company at Muncie, Indiana, being made general manager in 1894. His promotions have followed as the logical sequence of constantly developing business ability and power. From the outset of his business career he made it his purpose to thoroughly master every duty entrusted to him. The successful accomplishment of any object but proves one's ability for the accomplishment of larger things, and in his active career Mr. Bradshaw has gone on and on, each forward step bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities. After three years' connection with the Findlay Rolling Mill Company as secretary to the general manager he removed

to Hartford City, Indiana, and became one of the organizers of the National Rolling Mill Company, of which he was made general manager. This was in 1902. Business was carried on at Hartford City for three years and in 1905 the plant was removed to Vincennes, where the business has rapidly developed, increasing threefold within a period of five years. The officers of the company are: Isaac Lyon, president; J. H. Jones, secretary; and S. N. Bradshaw, general manager.

In 1890 Mr. Bradshaw was married in Sidney, Ohio, to Miss Minnie Mumford, a native of that place and a daughter of John Mumford, who was formerly a shoe merchant and is now living retired. Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw have a daughter, Faye, an accomplished and popular young lady possessing notable musical talent.

Mr. Bradshaw takes little active part in public life aside from the loyal support which he gives to all movements tending to promote the welfare and upbuilding of the city. His business, however, makes heavy demands upon his time and the rapid and substantial growth of the National Rolling Mill is evidence of the business ability, capable management and discriminating sagacity of Mr. Bradshaw and his associates. In all business connections, as in private life, he is an upright and conscientious man and well merits the prosperity which is now crowning his labor.

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### GEORGE J. REINBOLD.

Systematic business methods and close attention to the work which he undertook constituted the chief features in the success which came to George J. Reinbold, who for a long period conducted business as a wholesale and retail liquor dealer on Second avenue in Vincennes. He was born January 25, 1863, and about a third of a century was allowed him as his life span for on the 8th of February, 1896, he passed away. His birthplace was on Barnett street, in Vincennes, and his people still live in the old home. His parents were Andrew and Rosine Reinbold. The surname indicates the ancestry of the family. The father was a native of Germany and when he determined to leave that country for America he sailed for New Orleans, from which point he made his way northward, coming direct to Vincennes.

In the public schools of this city George J. Reinbold pursued his education, passing through consecutive grades, and by thorough school training, wide reading and observation became a well educated man. He was deeply interested in many themes of general interest and kept in touch with the advanced thought of the day. When he entered business life it was to become connected with the wholesale and retail liquor trade, which to him constituted a field for success as his well directed labors brought him a substantial financial return.

On the 25th of October, 1892, Mr. Reinbold was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Soete, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Drexelius) Soete. Her people were also from Germany and her father, who was a shoemaker by trade and worked at the bench in early life, conducted a shoe store on Second street after becoming a resident of Vincennes. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reinbold there was born a daughter, Irene, who resides at home with her mother. Mr. Reinbold was a member of the Catholic church and of the Knights of Columbus, and was widely known in this city in which he lived from infancy to the time of his demise.

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### FRANK J. BASTIN.

Notwithstanding fire and flood which has threatened to terminate the existence of the Blackford Window Glass Company, the business has been continued successfully under the management of Frank J. Bastin from its inception in 1903 up to the present time, and as general manager, he whose name introduces this review, has come to be regarded as one of the most thoroughly reliable enterprising and progressive business men and manufacturers of Vincennes.

A native of Belgium, he was born on the 15th of October, 1872, of the marriage of Louis and B. (Richir) Bastin. His education was acquired in the Catholic parish schools of his native country, and later he learned the trade of a glassworker, having considerable knowledge of the business when in 1890 he came to the United States to visit a sister then living in Ohio. Pleased with this country he decided to remain in America, and resided for two years at Fostoria, Ohio, whence he removed in 1892 to Hartford City, Indiana. In both places he worked at his trade and his ability won recognition in gradual promotion until he was given charge of the interests of the Blackford Glass Company at Hartford. There he remained for eleven years, carefully controlling the business and enlarging its scope.

In 1903 he organized the Blackford Window Glass Company of Vincennes, and began operations here on quite an extensive scale in the fall of that year. The new venture succeeded from the first, and in fact its success has been little short of phenomenal, for Mr. Bastin had much to contend against. On one occasion a fire broke out and partially destroyed the plant, and again there was a flood which did much damage. The plant also suffered from the ravages of storms, but notwithstanding all this the business has been carried on along progressive lines that have been followed by prosperity. Mr. Bastin is a clear-headed capable man whose experience covers every part of the business, having a practical knowledge of the various phases of the work, he is, therefore, capable of directing the labors of those who serve under him. Moreover, he is a man of high



character, and from the beginning of his residence in Vincennes he has attracted the attention and enjoyed the confidence of the good people of this city. He has established here a valuable industry, contributing much to the general prosperity of the town, for in the large plant employment is furnished to many high class men to whom excellent wages are paid. The officers of the company are: Emil Goossens, president; Henry J. Boeckman, vice president; and Frank J. Bastin, secretary and general manager. Although he has other financial interests, Mr. Bastin devotes his time and energy largely to the manufacture of glass.

In 1896 occurred the marriage of Mr. Bastin and Miss Anna Bastin, also a native of Belgium. They have two children: Nellie C., and J. C. In his political views Mr. Bastin is an earnest republican, unfaltering in his advocacy of the principles of the party, and has served as city councilman-at-large. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He is one of the directors of the Pastime Club, and is chairman of the manufacturing committee of the Board of Trade. He is deeply interested in everything relating to the welfare and progress of Vincennes, and is of that type of citizen whose worth is widely acknowledged, for in the conduct of individual interest and the attainment of personal success he also contributes to the general welfare. He displays an aptitude for successful management that has advanced him continually in his chosen field of labor, and he is a notable example of the self-made man of foreign birth who recognizes and utilizes the opportunities offered in America, and thus reaches a prominent place in business circles.

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#### REV. JOHN A. BECHER.

Rev. John A. Becher, who on the 15th of December, 1908, was appointed to the charge of the Sacred Heart Catholic church in Vincennes, was born at St. Meinrad, Indiana, June 10, 1879. His father, Melchoir Becher, was a native of Switzerland, and married Elizabeth Klueh, a native of Indiana. They resided in St. Meinrad during the youthful days of John A. Becher, who became a pupil in the St. Meinrad college and seminary, continuing his studies there until ordained to the priesthood on the 28th of May, 1904, by Bishop O'Donahue. He was afterward appointed assistant at St. John's church in Vincennes, coming to this city on the 16th of July, 1904. On the 15th of December, 1908, he was appointed to take charge of the Sacred Heart, a new parish but recently organized. It was situated in a district of the city that was apparently little but corn fields at that time, but the wisdom and foresight, which has ever been characteristic of the Catholic church in the extension of its work, recognized the fact that the city must necessarily grow in that direction, and prepared a

field of religious labor for the population that was soon to come. Father Becher undertook the work, organizing the parish and erecting a fine church and rectory, which are a credit to the city. The corner-stone was laid April 22, 1909, and the church was dedicated on the 26th of September of the same year, by the bishop who had officiated at his ordination. The splendid building erected is used for both church and school purposes. The first board of trustees is composed of the following: John Frisz, Charles Laubey, John Brown, Patrick Ryan, William Wentzel and Joseph Madigan.

Father Becher is a very popular and hardworking young priest. He is a man of liberal education, and is putting forth untiring effort for the upbuilding of his cause and the existence of the influence of the Catholic church in the section of the city in which he labors. Under his guidance the church has shown marked growth in both numerical and spiritual lines, and the different branches of church work are now well organized.

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### JOHN L. BUCKLES.

John L. Buckles who, as a member of the bar, is confining his attention solely to probate work and for twenty years has been secretary of the People's Savings Loan & Building Association of Vincennes, was born in Vigo township, Knox county, Indiana, August 23, 1854. His father, Jackson Buckles, was also a native of that township. The grandfather, Robert Buckles, came from Maryland in the early days and settled in Vigo township when almost the entire township was covered with its native growth of timber. His grave was the first made in the present Edwardsport cemetery. Jackson Buckles was reared in this district when it was still a pioneer region and in his youthful days he learned the cabinet-maker's trade, in which connection he won fame for his expert workmanship. Settling in Edwardsport, Indiana he there worked at his trade until his death which occurred in 1857. In early manhood he married Martha J. Godwin, also a native of Knox county, and they became the parents of two sons, the brother of our subject being William A. Buckles, who is now living in Kentucky.

In the country schools John L. Buckles began his education and afterward pursued a scientific or teacher's course in Danville, Indiana. He then took up the profession of teaching to which he devoted his energies for five terms in the schools of Knox county. He was always active in politics and while closely associated with public affairs in that connection he also engaged in various lines of business and traveled to a considerable extent. In 1887 he was appointed deputy sheriff and filled the position until 1892 when he was elected sheriff. The endorsement of his first term's service came to him in his reelection in 1894. While still in office

he took up the study of law under the direction of Judge Orlando H. Cobb. He gives his attention to probate work and has never engaged in general practice. For twenty years he has been secretary of the People's Savings Loan & Building Association of Vincennes, which was organized in 1889. Mr. Buckles took an active part in its formation and became one of its directors. Since leaving the sheriff's office he has devoted his entire time to the affairs of this company, has been its secretary for twenty years, and has acted as attorney for the association for twelve years. The business has grown enormously under the capable management of Mr. Buckles, who is watchful of every detail pointing to success and manifests most sound judgment in placing investments. The loans have grown from a very small sum of money to six hundred and fifty thousand dollars, there is a membership of over eighteen hundred and altogether the enterprise is considered one of large local value, the assets of the concern amounting to, in round numbers, seven hundred thousand dollars.

In 1886 Mr. Buckles was united in marriage to Miss Mary Etta Yates, a native of Knox county and a member of one of its old families. There are two children by this marriage, Ennis R. and Gladys Anne. Mr. Buckles is a Knight Templar Mason, greatly interested in the craft, the beautiful symbolism of which clearly points the lessons of life. He is also a charter member of the Elks lodge of Vincennes and served as its secretary for two years. His name is likewise on the membership roll of the Knights of Pythias lodge. Politically a democrat, he is an earnest worker in the affairs of the party and served for four years, from 1906-1910, as a member of the council from the fourth ward. His attention has largely been given to those every day duties which constitute the real forces of life. His energy has never faltered when obligations have rested upon him, either of a personal nature or in the line of citizenship, and all who know him find him trustworthy, reliable and progressive.

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### JAMES T. ORR.

Endurance of trials is the test of character. The sufferings which James T. Orr bore in his last illness gave evidence of his fortitude, the nobility of his nature and his Christian faith. Throughout his life he was a man of kindly spirit, manifest in a helpful, sympathetic attitude to all with whom he came in contact. He remained for many years a representative and valued business man of Vincennes, where he engaged in the manufacture and sale of harness and saddlery.

A native of Ireland, he was born in 1835 and was of Scotch-Irish lineage. His parents were James T. and Catherine (Farrell) Orr, who in 1837 crossed the Atlantic to America as passengers of one of the old-time sailing vessels. They made their way westward, settling in North

Vernon, Indiana, and in 1843 became residents of Vincennes, where the father soon afterward passed away.

James T. Orr was but a young child when brought by his parents to the United States, and was only about eight years of age at the time of the removal to Vincennes, so that his education was largely acquired in the schools of this city. Like every healthy boy, he enjoyed the sports of youth yet in the schoolroom he laid the foundation for his success in later life. He made his initial step in the business world when seventeen years of age; going to Louisville, Kentucky, in 1852, he became an apprentice in a wholesale leather house. He remained in that city for three years, during which time he mastered the harness and saddle-maker's trade, and then returned to Vincennes. Here he embarked in business in partnership with a Mr. Page, and in 1873 established an independent venture near the corner of Second and Main streets, where he built up a harness and saddlery business that became one of the famous enterprises of this character in the town, both in extent and in the nature of his trade. He continued at that place until his death, after which the business was conducted by his sons, James and John, until it was sold about two years ago. In his business life Mr. Orr was ever straightforward and reliable and anything made in his house bore the stamp of good workmanship. He never sought to lead a customer astray concerning the value of an article and his commercial integrity became proverbial. In addition to the conduct of his harness and saddlery business he was at one time president of the Vincennes Draw Bridge Company which constructed the wagon bridge over the Wabash river at Vincennes and operated it for a number of years as a toll bridge.

On the 3d of June, 1873, Mr. Orr was united in marriage to Miss Mark Beckes, a daughter of Thomas P. and Margaret (Emison) Beckes. This marriage was blessed with the following children: Thomas, a resident of Smithfield, Virginia; who married Stella Edwards and has one daughter, Virginia; James, who married Hannah Du Kate and resides in Vincennes; John, Walter and Robert, at home.

The death of Mr. Orr occurred on the 15th of December, 1903, and in his passing his family lost a devoted husband and father. Some months prior to his death he was stricken with paralysis on the left side, but he bore his long illness uncomplainingly and, as was characteristic of his sunshiny nature, he always answered inquiries concerning his health with "I am pretty well." In politics he was ever a stalwart democrat, unfaltering in his support of the party, and on several occasions was called to positions of public honor and trust. For a long period he served as a member of the city council of Vincennes, in which connection he supported all of the progressive measure which he deemed of benefit in advancing the municipal welfare. He was also county commissioner for several terms and no word was ever in justice uttered against his official

record. He was a very prominent and active member of the Catholic church and also belonged to the Catholic Knights of America.

It is said he that never had an enemy, even in an opposing political party. By nature he was most charitable and to the extent of his ability he gave in aid of the poor, his benefactions being many. His was one of those natures which shed around them much of the sunshine of life and his death left a vacancy at his own fireside and among his friends that can never be filled. The memory of his upright, honorable life, helpful spirit and generous nature, however, remains as a blessed benediction and an inspiration to all who knew him.

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### FRANKLIN CLARKE.

Franklin Clarke was one of the pioneer representatives of industrial activity in Vincennes and through long years was the promoter of various business enterprises which contributed in large and substantial measure to the growth and upbuilding of this city. Thus he left the indelible impress of his individuality upon Vincennes where his name is yet honored and his memory cherished. He was born in Sodus Center, Wayne county, New York, January 9, 1832, and was descended from an old New England family which settled in Massachusetts in the early part of the seventeenth century. New England, perhaps, more than any other section of the country, early had high regard for the value of education, and Mr. Clarke, like other youths of that district, was carefully trained in the elementary branches of learning. He was seventeen years of age when he was regularly apprenticed to the machinist's trade, serving a four years' term of indenture in the town of Lyons, Wayne county, New York. He became quite proficient during that period and for several years thereafter was employed as a machinist in Richmond, Virginia, where he assisted in building the engines for some of the vessels afterward used in the Civil war. He left the Old Dominion to become a resident of Indiana in April, 1857, which month witnessed his arrival in Vincennes. Here he resided continuously until his death, with the exception of two or three years passed in the south during the war between the two sections of the country. He was employed as a machinist by the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad Company until about 1862.

Mr. Clarke became a pioneer in industrial operations in Vincennes when, in 1864, he joined Mr. H. A. Buck and a Mr. Chapman in building the Wabash Valley Foundry and Machine Shop. His was the first home establishment of the kind in this city and was a valuable addition to the enterprises of the town and to southern Indiana. The new undertaking was successfully conducted, becoming an important feature in promoting the commercial progress of Vincennes. It did not, however, encompass

the scope of Mr. Clarke's activities, for he became connected with various business enterprises, being at the time of his death the owner of the Vincennes Calorific Brick Works, and the general manager and a stockholder of the Prospect Hill Coal Company. He was recognized as a man of judgment and high character. He was essentially a self-made man, his success being due to his exceptional industry, nerve and perseverance.

In 1863 occurred the marriage of Mr. Clarke and Miss Alice Judah, who survives her husband. They became the parents of three children, but a daughter, Mamie, died in childhood. Franklin, who died in early manhood, at the outset of a promising career, left a wife, who in her maidenhood was Minnie Kelly, and a daughter, Lucinda, now in school. The surviving son, Brandon Clarke, married Mabel Purcell.

Mr. Clarke was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity which he joined in 1857, advancing through the various degrees of the York Rite until he became a Knight Templar. The interests and companionship of his Masonic association were among the most cherished of his life. His political faith was that of the republican party and in 1875 he was chosen a member of the city council to which he was again and again reelected until the period of his service covered twenty-three years, and the municipal legislation of the city was largely shaped through his efforts. During this long period he acquired an extensive experience in civil affairs and by the faithful performance of his duty won the confidence of the best men of both parties. In manner he was modest and unassuming and at all times kindly obliging. He had a genial sense of humor which ever made him a welcome companion: a stalwart integrity that made him an honored associate in business circles and a public spirit that made him one of the most valued of Vincennes' citizens. His strict integrity and honesty of purpose led him to despise all unworthy or questionable means to secure success in any undertaking, either for the welfare of the city or for his own advancement.

"His life was noble, and the elements  
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up  
And say to all the word, 'This was a man.'"

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#### CHARLES S. BRYAN, M. D.

Dr. Charles S. Bryan, who entered upon the general practice of medicine in Vincennes, in 1906, after a college training, was born in Xenia, Illinois, July 19, 1880. His father, Homer H. Bryan, a native of Indiana, was born in 1855 and in his boyhood days removed with his parents to Illinois where his father operated a woolen mill. In 1884 Homer H. Bryan returned to this state, settling in Vincennes, where he entered the employ of the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad Company, first as brakeman and later

as conductor. When the division point was removed to Washington he became a resident of that place and still makes it his home. He has always been an active supporter of the democratic party. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rachel A. Friend, is a native of Illinois.

In the public schools of Vincennes Dr. Bryan acquired his early education and later continued his studies in Washington where he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1901. Determining upon a professional career and making a choice of the practice of medicine as his life work, he began studying in the Indiana Medical College, and the medical department of Purdue University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1906. He then opened an office in Vincennes where he has since remained in general practice. In the four years in which he has represented the medical fraternity here he has succeeded in building up a good business, for he is careful and conservative in the performance of all professional service and the results which have attended his labors have proven that his knowledge is broad and his application of it correct. He is a member of the County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and his standing among the local members of the profession is indicated in the fact that he has been elected and is now serving as secretary of the county organization. Since 1907 he has also been county physician.

In January, 1908, Dr. Bryan was united in marriage to Miss Helen M. Fendrich, a daughter of George Fendrich of Vincennes. The hospitality of many of the best homes of the city is cordially extended them and Dr. Bryan is a popular member of Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M. His political views accord with the principles of the democratic party, but he has never sought or desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties, in which line he is meeting with gratifying success for one of his years.

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JOSEPH W. SMADEL, M. D.

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Dr. Joseph W. Smadel, a representative of the medical profession in Vincennes, was born at New Albany, Indiana, in the 5th of December, 1871. His father, Tobias Smadel, was born in Baden-Baden, Germany, and came to the United States when twenty-eight years of age. He had previously learned and followed the shoemaker's trade, but, feeling that better business opportunities might be enjoyed on this side the Atlantic, he crossed the briny deep and settled in New Albany, making his way up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers by boat from New Orleans. He continued a resident of New Albany until his death, which occurred in 1880. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Maggie Shoe, came to the United States with her parents and was married in New Albany. The family

numbered seven children, four daughters and three sons. The mother and one sister, Clara V., now live with Dr. Smadel in Vincennes, and two other sisters and one brother also survive.

In the public schools of his native city Dr. Smadel pursued his literary education and afterward began preparation for a professional career as a student in the medical department of the University of Louisville. He was graduated in 1896 and began practice in Vincennes, where he has continuously remained, his ability winning him a gratifying practice of large and satisfactory proportions. He holds membership in the Knox County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association and was president of the Knox County Medical Society from December, 1908, until December, 1909. He is also serving as health commissioner for Vincennes and he belongs to the Vin Lancer Club.

On the 27th of March, 1904, Dr. Smadel was married to Miss Clara S. Greene, a daughter of Edwin Greene, of Detroit. She died October 10, 1907, leaving a son, Joseph Edmund, who was born on the 10th of January of that year. Dr. Smadel belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Royal Arch degree. He has become widely and favorably known during his residence in Vincennes, covering a period of fourteen years, and as a successful practitioner and progressive citizen he has won the favorable regard of many with whom he has come in contact.

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### WILLIAM P. RITTERSKAMP.

William P. Ritterskamp, doing an extensive furniture business in Vincennes, his native city, where he has come to be recognized as one of the most active and progressive merchants, is now senior partner of the firm of William P. Ritterskamp & Company. The business had its beginning in 1887 and in the intervening years has been developed to large and profitable proportions owing to the correct business methods and unfaltering enterprise of him whose name introduces this review.

He was born March 5, 1856, a son of Peter and Julia (Storch) Ritterskamp, the former for many years an old and respected resident of Knox county. In the public schools William P. Ritterskamp pursued his education until he had mastered the elemental branches of learning. Subsequently he attended Vincennes University and afterward pursued a course in the Garvin & Heinley Business College at Terre Haute, Indiana. Since starting out in life on his own account he has been continually connected with commercial pursuits. After leaving school he was employed by Peter Pomil, a grocer, in the capacity of bookkeeper for seven years and later he had charge of a toll bridge for six years. During these periods



he carefully saved his earnings until his economical expenditure made it possible for him to embark in business on his own account.

In 1887, therefore, Mr. Ritterskamp, engaged in the house furnishings business in partnership with Otto G. Ritterskamp, under the firm style of W. P. Ritterskamp & Company. They began business on First street, between Main and Busseron, in a very small way with a stock worth only about one hundred and fifty dollars. But their trade grew rapidly and in a short time they removed to their present location on Main street. Mr. Ritterskamp leased the building for five years and then purchased it. From the beginning the trade has steadily grown until the house is today one of the most extensive of this character in Vincennes. A large line of furniture and house furnishings of every description is carried, the stock is thoroughly modern and reasonable prices and honorable dealing have made Mr. Ritterskamp one of the popular, respected and successful merchants of the city.

In 1877 Mr. Ritterskamp was married to Miss Doris Bushing, a native of Hanover, Germany, who in her girlhood days came to Vincennes with her parents, Charles and Wilhelmina Bushing. Three children have been born of this marriage: Alma, who died at the age of two years; Paul, who is connected with his father in business; and Elsa. The son was married in Vincennes to Miss Elizabeth Harris, a daughter of George H. Harris, and has one daughter, Esther.

Mr. Ritterskamp has always been deeply interested in the welfare and progress of both the city and county and though he has never been an office seeker, he has been the stalwart champion of many progressive public movements. In 1910 he was appointed by Mayor McDowell a member of the board of public works and his political opinions are in accord with the principles of the democratic party. Religiously he is a member of the German Evangelical church, while fraternally he is associated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Royal Arcanum. In all of its phases his life has been a commendable one, characterized by enterprise, diligence and perseverance in office, by loyalty and progressiveness in citizenship and by faithfulness to the ties of home and friendship.

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#### AUGUST G. MEISE.

August G. Meise, well known as a representative of commercial interests in Vincennes, his native city, where he is engaged in dealing in stoves and furniture, was born March 1, 1868. His father, Henry Meise, a native of Germany, came to Knox county in 1850 and for a time engaged in farming but afterward put aside the plow and established his home in Vincennes where he turned his attention to the grocery business. He was associated with that line of trade for a number of years and then lived

retired, enjoying a well earned rest during the remainder of his life. He was married in Vincennes to Miss Sophie Schultze, a native of Germany, and they became the parents of a family of six sons and four daughters, of whom six are now living. The father died in the year 1900.

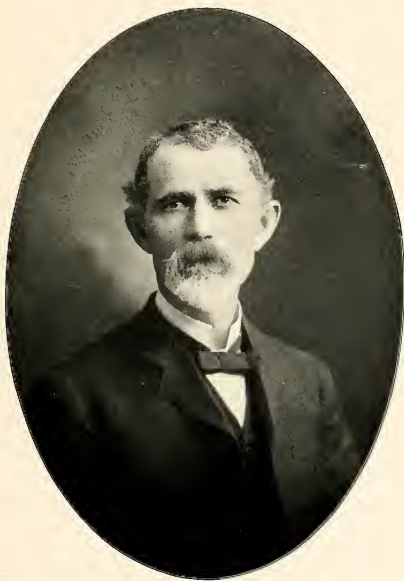
At the usual age August G. Meise entered the public schools and afterward acquainted himself with the hardware business as an employe of the firm of Cross Brothers. Subsequently he was in the employ of W. P. Ritterskamp & Company, who added a hardware department to their furniture business and made Mr. Meise manager thereof. He capably controlled the business until 1895, when he embarked in commercial pursuits on his own account, forming a partnership with Emil Ritterskamp, under the firm name of Ritterskamp & Meise. They began dealing in stoves and hardware and later added a stock of furniture. In 1899 Mr. Ritterskamp sold his interest to F. D. Sheid and in 1903 Mr. Meise purchased Mr. Shied's interest and has since been sole proprietor of the business which is constantly growing in volume and importance. His sales now reach a large annual figure and his careful management of his commercial interests ensures a continuance of the trade, for he follows methods which commend him to the confidence and trust of his fellowmen.

On December 27, 1897, Mr. Meise was married to Miss Emily Loth, a native of Cincinnati. They have many friends in Vincennes and Mr. Meise is a popular member of the Masonic fraternity, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. In his political views he is a democrat, active in the work of the party, and for five years served as a member of the city council from the first ward, during which period he exercised his official prerogatives to materially further and improve the conditions of the city, seeking substantial benefit yet without the useless expenditure of the public funds. His social qualities render him a favorite in business, political and social circles.

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#### HON. SAMUEL WARDELL WILLIAMS.

There is an old book which says, "If thou faint in adversity, thy strength is small." It requires exceptional ability to win one's way to the top in a large and intelligent community and the man who "faints" is not the one who occupies a position at the front of the battle. Samuel W. Williams, ever since his admission to the bar, more than a third of a century ago, has been found somewhere along the firing line, and in not a few instances has taken a leading place among the skirmishers whose effort it is to dislodge the enemy from a point of advantage or place of concealment. As an example of fearlessness in attack and ability to hold his position when once taken, he stands almost unique in American politics of recent years. As a political speaker on lines of reform he has few equals, and as an organizer and worker he gained



S. W. WILLIAMS



a distinction which placed him upon the ticket of the populist as a candidate for vice president of the United States in the campaign of 1908. In his own state he has accomplished many changes in legislation which are now endorsed by all political parties as of substantial benefit to the great body of the people, and in all his political acts he has been guided by principles which he believes are of supreme importance to the perpetuity of the republic.

Samuel W. Williams was born at Mount Carmel, Illinois, February 7, 1851, and is the son of Fleming and Ella (Wardell) Williams, both natives of New York. Fleming Williams went with his father, Joseph Williams, to Albion, Edwards county, Illinois, when a child, the latter serving as post-master at that place for twenty-five years. In the meantime the son was educated in the common schools, studied law and became a practitioner in Wabash county, Illinois, where for many years he continued in practice. For some years he filled the position of master in chancery. He was prominent as a lawyer and gained a reputation as a political speaker, in advocacy of the cause of the Douglas democracy. His son Samuel has inherited much of his father's ability as a public speaker. He died at Mount Carmel, Illinois, in 1880 and his wife departed this life in 1872. She was a woman of brilliant mind and high educational attainments. In the family were three children, only one of whom survives the subject of this sketch.

Samuel Wardell Williams was educated in the common schools and at a theological seminary, believing that he should enter the Presbyterian ministry. As some of the doctrines of the church did not appeal acceptably to his judgment, he gave up the thought of becoming a clergyman and turned his attention to other channels. Before arriving at voting age he was appointed deputy county clerk of Wabash county, Illinois. This gave him opportunity to observe the proceedings of the courts and he decided to follow in the footsteps of his father as a lawyer. In 1870 he came to Vincennes as a student in the old Rank and Heinly College. As he had become self-supporting, the necessity for funds required a temporary change of plans and he went on the road as traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery house. He continued at this occupation for two years, carrying in one hand his traveling bag and grocers' samples and in the other a satchel filled with law books. We are reminded here of an ex-Confederate artillery officer who was a law student at the opening of the Civil war; he carried his law books in the limber of his cannon. Such men can never be permanently stopped in any undertaking within the possibility of human accomplishment; and among such men are the names the world holds highest. Entering the office of Cauthorn & Boyle, Mr. Williams continued the study of law and was admitted to the bar February 12, 1874. He at once began practice in Vincennes, where he has since remained. A politician almost from his youth, Mr. Williams has throughout his entire active career taken a lively interest in political affairs, local, state or national. He made his first political speech for Horace Greeley in 1872, when the great editor was a candidate for the presidency and supported by the liberal republican and democratic parties. He has been a political

speaker ever since and his voice has been heard in nearly every state of the Union.

In 1877 Mr. Williams was appointed prosecuting attorney of Knox county and served for two years. In 1882 a wider field presented and he was elected on the democratic ticket to the state legislature, where he continued for two terms and made a record for effective service which has scarcely been duplicated in this or any other state. During his period in the general assembly he was the author of the first attempt in any state legislature to regulate the charges of public utilities corporations. The act was known as the Williams law, fixing the maximum rate for telephone charges. The law was ridiculed by the system from ocean to ocean and was hotly contested in the courts but the act was finally upheld. Attempts to ignore the law led to riots in several Indiana cities. The Williams law was a pathfinder in a new field of legislation, and laws, state and national, have been based upon it. He was the author of a bill reforming the life insurance business in Indiana and the irresponsible concerns were obliged, under its provision, to withdraw from the state. He also introduced and carried through successfully a bill simplifying the practice in probate courts and greatly lessening the costs in settlement of estates. In 1884, over much opposition, he led in a movement which established a separate circuit court in Knox county. At the same session of the legislature he was a candidate for speaker of the house but was defeated by Hon. Charles L. Jewett. In recognition of his distinguished services and of the confidence of his fellow democrats he was made chairman of the house caucus and floor leader during the session. At the close of his legislative career he was proffered an appointment as deputy attorney general of the state. This he felt compelled to decline as he desired to return to private practice.

Finding himself out of alignment with the democratic party, Mr. Williams severed his connection with that organization in 1884 and has since been identified with the movement which culminated in the peoples party, made up of citizens in all the states, largely in agricultural districts. He assisted in the organization of the peoples party in 1890 and 1892 and also in writing the celebrated Omaha platform, which has been a pivot for all reforms since 1892. In 1904 Mr. Williams' name was presented at the convention as the head of the national ticket but he was defeated in the convention by Thomas E. Watson of Georgia. Four years later, in 1908, he made the race with Mr. Watson at the head of the ticket and himself in second place. He has visited many parts of the country during heated political campaigns and his addresses have been greeted by great audiences and made many converts to reform principles. He was a personal friend and admirer of the late Henry George and in 1886 and 1887 assisted in the anti-poverty crusade, stumping the state of New York in behalf of the great agitator, who was then a candidate for secretary of state of New York. At the peoples party convention at St. Louis, in 1896, he opposed fusion with the democrats, made a bitter speech against William J. Bryan and forced the nomination of

Watson for vice president as against Sewell of Maine. On August 8, 1904, Mr. Williams delivered the speech at Cooper Union, New York, notifying Thomas E. Watson of his nomination for the presidency. It is said to have been one of the masterful efforts of a life that has witnessed many gatherings where oratory swayed the profoundest emotions of men. Even his bitterest opponents have confessed that the orator from Indiana has at various times discovered the weak point in their armor and never stopped his terrific pounding as long as they remained within reach. Mr. Williams never has been a disciple of the school of nonresistance. He has always wielded a broadsword or a sledge hammer and so deep are his political convictions that his life has been in an important degree molded thereby.

Mr. Williams has found time to cultivate the social amenities. For twenty years past he has filled the office of chief ranger of the Vincennes Court of Foresters. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, the Tribe of Ben Hur and the Loyal Americans. While he is essentially a fighter, especially when his sense of justice is aroused, he is popular in the community where he has passed nearly all of his active life. This was shown in 1908 upon his return from the convention at which he was nominated for the vice presidency. Irrespective of party, the citizens assembled in the Vincennes Opera House and there gave to their fellow townsman a reception which for cordiality and friendliness has never been excelled in any community. Mr. Williams was the organizer of the Knox County Bar Association and lawyers in all parts of the state recognize in him one of the stanchest and most faithful members of the profession. At fifty-nine years of age he is still "in the fight" and old friends and admirers declare that as long as he can be heard from a platform his voice will be raised in defense of the millions in the humbler walks of life and in defiance of every usurpation that threatens the principles of liberty or the equality of opportunity, upon which the nation was founded.

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### HENRY VANDERBURGH SOMES.

When after years of long and earnest labor in honorable fields of business a man puts aside all cares to spend his remaining days in the quiet enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil, it is certainly a well deserved reward for his industry.

"How blest is he who crowns in shades like these

A youth of labor with an age of ease"

wrote the poet and the world everywhere recognizes the justice of a season of rest following an active period of business life. Henry Vanderburgh Somes is now living retired at his pleasant home in Vincennes and his history shows the accomplishment of well directed labor. For a number of years he was a civil engineer with the Baltimore & Ohio Rail-

road Company and at different times he has capably filled official positions, the duties of which have been most promptly and honorably discharged. Vincennes numbers him among her native sons for he was born in this city September 7, 1832, his parents being Dr. Joseph and Frances Sidney (Vanderburgh) Somes. The latter was a daughter of Henry Vanderburgh who at the age of sixteen was a lieutenant and at the age of eighteen a captain in Colonel Du Bois' regiment of Continental troops with which he served throughout the Revolutionary war. He afterward became a member of the Society of Cincinnati, composed of officers of the American Revolution, and the certificate of his membership, signed by George Washington, president, and General Knox, secretary, is now in possession of his grandson, H. V. Somes, of this review—a cherished family heirloom. He left the ranks of war to become prominent in shaping the history of his country in civic connections, especially in the Mississippi valley. He was appointed the first Judge of the Northwest Territory and in this connection held court at Detroit, Michigan, Kaskaskia, Illinois, and Vincennes, Indiana, when those were the principal cities of the three states. To hold his court he had to make the trip on horseback through dense forests and over pathless prairies with Indian guides. This was long before not only the admission of the states into the Union but also before their division into territories. His death occurred about 1812.

Dr. Joseph Somes was of English birth and came to America about 1828. He had acquired his early education in his native country but afterward attended Transylvania College at Lexington, Kentucky. For a short period he resided in Bowling Green, Kentucky, but later became a resident of Vincennes. Since that time the name of Somes has figured in connection with the history of this city.

It was here that Henry Vanderburgh Somes acquired his early education, which he supplemented by study at St. Gabriels, Indiana. He afterward continued his studies at Anderson Academy in New Albany, Indiana, and completed his school life in Bloomington. He became connected with the Ohio & Mississippi, now the Baltimore & Ohio, Railroad Company, in the department of civil engineering but afterward went to Europe, remaining abroad for a year. He went to Central America during the Walker expedition but became ill with fever and returned to the north. He afterward took up the study of law under Judge Bowman and was admitted to the bar in 1861. He did not engage, however, in active practice. The Civil war was then in progress and during the period of hostilities he held a lieutenant's commission and organized a company here, but on account of ill health he was obliged to turn the company over to another. While he could not serve at the front he did active work in charge of a government hospital, and in 1863 was called to municipal service in his election to the office of mayor, in which he served for four years. He carefully safeguarded the interests of Vincennes during that period, giving a business-like and public-spirited administration and seek-



ing ever to strictly maintain law and order during the troublous times in the latter part of the Civil war and just following the close of hostilities. Later he held numerous town offices, the duties of which he discharged with the same fidelity and trustworthiness that had marked his record as mayor. In later years he has lived retired, enjoying well earned rest at his pleasant home in Knox county.

On the 9th of February, 1864, Mr. Some was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Bayard, a representative of the well known Bayard family of this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Some have been born seven children: Dr. Joseph F. Some, a practicing physician of Vincennes, who is married and has one son, Charles; Henry V., who married Bertha O'Daniel and has three children, Joseph V., Mary E. and Martha B.; Bayard, who wedded Louise C. Muth and has a son, Bayard V.; John S., who married Caroline Welton and has a daughter, Dorothy Jane; Mary Elizabeth, who is the wife of William F. Calverly and has two sons, Walter and Howard; Sidney Alice, who died at the age of sixteen years; and Charles, who has also passed away.

Mr. Some is a member of the Catholic church and to its teachings has ever been loyal. His has been an honorable record, characterized by ability in business, by promptness and fidelity in the discharge of official duties and by loyalty at all times to honorable, manly principles. In the evening of life he is now living quietly and the esteem and good will of his fellowmen are freely extended to him.

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### GEORGE W. BISHOP.

George W. Bishop, who during the years of an active business life followed both farming and merchandising but is now living retired, his home being at No. 612 North Sixth street, was born on the 18th of January, 1843, near the city of Warsaw in Kosciusko county, Indiana, his parents being James H. and Mary (Roudebush) Bishop. The family has been established in Indiana from pioneer times. The father was the builder of the first house in Kosciusko county, to which place he removed from Clark county, Ohio. He became a very prominent and influential farmer of that part of the state, being justly regarded as a man of the utmost reliability, while his sound judgment and public spirit well qualified him for the position of leadership that was accorded him. He died in 1880 and was buried at Leesburg, Indiana, near the old home farm. His wife was also laid to rest in the same place.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for George W. Bishop in his boyhood and youth. He attended the common schools and worked upon the home farm during the periods of vacation and also in the mornings and evenings attended to the chores and

aided in the cultivation of the fields when his time was not occupied with his lessons. He was about thirty-seven years of age when with his brothers he purchased the old homestead, remaining one of the owners until 1882, when he sold his interest in that place and removed just across the river into Illinois. There he made an investment in one hundred and fifty acres of land, upon which he resided for eleven years, although in the meantime he extended the boundaries of his place until it comprised two hundred and four acres. Season after season he carefully tilled the soil, and the land—naturally rich and arable—responded readily to the care and cultivation which he bestowed upon it. About 1893, however, he disposed of that property and bought two hundred and sixty acres on the White river in Harrison township, Knox county. This is all fine land, constituting one of the best farms in the county. It still remains in his possession, although he is not actively engaged in the cultivation of the fields, for he has put aside business cares and is enjoying well earned and well merited rest.

In August, 1864, Mr. Bishop was united in marriage to Miss Maria Stevenson and they became the parents of three children, Eddie, Rose and Jennie, all now deceased. In 1879 Mr. Bishop was again married, his second union being with Lillian Kingery. They have two children: Earl, who is engaged in the wholesale drug business at St. Louis; and Cleo, now the wife of W. A. Pringle, a newspaper man of Vincennes, Indiana.

The family attend the Christian church and Mr. Bishop is interested in the intellectual as well as the moral progress of the community, in which connection he did excellent service in behalf of the public schools while acting as a member of the board of education for six years. He keeps thoroughly posted on current topics and events and is a man of well known public spirit whose cooperation can be counted upon as a tangible factor in the support of any movement wherein the best interests of the community are involved. With the exception of the brief period spent across the border in Illinois, he has always lived in Indiana and its history and upbuilding are to him matters of deep interest and concern.

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#### GEORGE E. HENRY.

George E. Henry, superintendent of the Vincennes Traction Company, belongs to that class of men whose records are marked by orderly progression. Success can never be attained by one who does not correctly judge his own capacities and powers as well as the restrictions which go to make up life's contacts and experiences. Never overestimating his own strength, but recognizing the fact that each forward step brings a wider outlook and broader opportunities, Mr. Henry in his business life has made

continuous advancement and is now capably serving in a position of large responsibility.

He was born in Ironton, Ohio, June 17, 1859. His father, William D. Henry, was also a native of that state and the grandfather, James Henry, was a pioneer settler of Ironton. The family is of Irish lineage and was founded in America by John Henry, the great-grandfather of our subject, who came from the Emerald isle in colonial days and was a valiant soldier of the Revolutionary war, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill and other important engagements of that long and sanguinary struggle. It was James Henry who secured the farm upon which the town of Ironton now stands, and the old Henry burying ground is still to be seen there. Reared in that state, William D. Henry learned and followed the miller's trade, successfully operating the Magnolia Mill there until his retirement from active business. When his close application and earnest labors had brought him a comfortable competence to supply him with all of the necessities and many of the comforts and luxuries of life through his remaining days, he retired and devoted his life to such pursuits as yielded him pleasure and enjoyment. He died in 1905 at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Sarah Virginia Cloninger, was a native of Ohio and died in 1900 at the age of sixty-two years.

The schools of Ironton provided George E. Henry with his educational privileges until he was graduated from the high school. He then turned his attention to mechanical and engineering work and for a few years was a licensed marine engineer on the river. At the expiration of that period he took up the milling business and while thus engaged he went to Vincennes when the street railway was being established. In that connection he installed the machinery under the direction of Mr. Hudnut, who was at that time president of the road. Later he returned to Terre Haute, Indiana, where he remained until 1904, when he was appointed vice president and general manager of the Vincennes City Street Railway Company, acting in that capacity for five years. In April, 1909, Mr. Hudnut disposed of his interest in the business and the company was reorganized under the name of the Vincennes Traction Company. Mr. Henry was then reappointed as superintendent. He had become well acquainted with the business, was familiar with every detail and now thoroughly understands the work of operating the line. He keeps the street car system abreast with the most modern advancement in interurban transportation and is both a popular and efficient official.

In 1883 Mr. Henry was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Barrett, a native of Ottawa, Canada, and they have become the parents of three sons and one daughter, William D., Hope Virginia, Walker H. and George B. Mr. Henry belongs to the Masonic fraternity, holding membership with Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., also with the chapter, council and commandery. He likewise belongs to the Benevolent and Protective

Order of Elks and to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and is a past chancellor of Occidental Lodge, No. 18, of Terre Haute. His gradual rise in the business world represents the fit utilization of his time and talents and stands in incontrovertible proof of the fact that the path of opportunity leading to success is open to all.

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### CHARLES G. McCORD.

Charles G. McCord, an eminent member of the Knox county bar, specializing in the field of real-estate law, was born March 21, 1851, on Sixth and Broadway, in Vincennes. His paternal grandfather, David McCord, settled here about 1821 and he was at that time a man of forty years, his birth having occurred January 25, 1781. His wife, Dorcas Rosebrough, was born April 24, 1788, and was eighty-three years of age at the time of her death.

William R. McCord, the father of Charles G., was born in Kentucky, May 2, 1809, and in early life became circuit court clerk, the fidelity and capability which he displayed in office being manifested in the fact that he was retained therein from 1835 until 1851. On his retirement from office, he turned his attention to merchandising, to which pursuit much of his later life was devoted. On the 22d of April, 1841, he married Miss Eliza Jane Gibson, who was born in Christianburg, Virginia, April 16, 1816. Her death occurred August 8, 1867, while William R. McCord passed away January 27, 1881. Their family numbered four children: William, Jr., now deceased; Isadora, the widow of S. N. Chambers, who is living in Indianapolis, Indiana; Mary C., the wife of Joseph F. Harris, a resident of Kansas City, Missouri; and Charles G.

The last named was educated in Vincennes University which he entered at the age of six years, continuing his studies therein until April, 1865. He started in business life as assistant in his father's grocery store and there remained until September, 1870, when, desirous of obtaining further educational privileges, he entered Brown University of Providence, Rhode Island, and was graduated in June, 1873. Thus upon a broad classical knowledge he builded the superstructure of his professional learning. He began reading law with Judge N. W. Viehe, remaining a student in his office from June, 1873, until October, 1875. Admitted to the bar, he formed a partnership with Colonel Cyrus M. Allen with whom he was associated in practice until October, 1877, when he opened a law office over the First National bank and specialized in the field of real-estate law, including the preparation of abstracts to title. He has devoted his entire time to this branch of the profession and is accorded an extensive and gratifying clientage. Mr. McCord has made many abstracts of note, one being of the William Henry Harrison residence for the use of

the Indiana Title Association, showing an unbroken chain of title to the property from 1792 to the present time.

On the 22d of December, 1881, in Mattoon, Illinois, Mr. McCord was married to Miss Leonora M. Drish, who was born at Carlinville, Macoupin county, Illinois, March 12, 1857. Her father, James F. Drish, a native of Leesburg, Virginia, went to the gold fields of California in 1849 and following his return carried on merchandising. But when the Civil war broke out he put aside all business and personal considerations and joined the army, serving throughout the period of hostilities and returning with the rank of colonel. He married Rosella C. Keller, a native of Carlinville, Illinois. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCord have been born two sons: J. Drish, who was born in Vincennes, November 5, 1887, and now resides in Portland, Oregon, and Frank C., who was born in Vincennes, August 2, 1890, and is now a member of the class of 1911 in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

In his fraternal relations Mr. McCord is a Mason, in religious faith a Presbyterian and in his political views a republican. These associations indicate much of the nature and character of his interests and the principles which govern his conduct. A lifelong resident of Vincennes, his record has been written in terms of honor and his many good qualities have gained for him a circle of friends coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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#### CHARLES P. SLOCOMB.

More than a third of a century has passed since Charles P. Slocumb passed from this life yet he is well remembered by many of the older settlers who regarded him as a man of worth and honor. He lived in this city for about twenty years prior to his demise. His parents were Rufus T. and Mehitabel (Merrill) Slocumb. The father was a merchant of Cincinnati and never lived in Indiana. He removed from the east to Ohio and there carried on business through much of his life.

Charles P. Slocumb spent his youthful days in his parents' home and liberal educational privileges were afforded him, for after attending the public schools of Cincinnati, he continued his studies in the east. During the period of his residence in Vincennes he ranked as a prominent and influential citizen. In public affairs of the community he took an active and helpful interest and his influence was always on the side of right and progress.

Mr. Slocumb was married in Cincinnati to Miss Hannah A. Hebbard, a daughter of Hezekiah Hebbard. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Slocumb were born four children, two daughters and two sons, Mary Bell, Zelig, Hebbard and Rufus. Mr. Slocumb was a member of the Masonic fraternity which

numbered him among its exemplary representatives, for he was in full sympathy with the basic principles of the craft, which has as its foundation belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He was considered a man of well balanced judgment, never given to extremes and yet actuated by a progressive spirit that made him a valued and influential citizen of Vincennes during the twenty years of his residence here.

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### W. H. DAVENPORT, M. D.

Vincennes has been the scene of the professional activities of Dr. W. H. Davenport almost continuously since he entered upon practice following his graduation from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, and the consensus of public opinion attests his ability and his fidelity to the strictest ethics of the profession. He was born in Indianapolis, July 20, 1850. His father, Henry Davenport, was a native of Miami county, Ohio, born March 26, 1822. The grandfather, Martin Davenport, removed from the Buckeye state to Indianapolis at an early period in the development of that city, when his son Henry was a young lad. The latter pursued his education in Indianapolis and became an architect and contractor. He built the first theater there and was closely and prominently associated with building operations until 1852, when he passed away, the victim of the cholera epidemic of that year. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eliza A. Townsend, was born in Maryland on the 20th of November, 1824, her father having been a planter and slave-holder of that state. She survived her husband for only a brief period, passing away March 28, 1861. The only daughter of the family has also passed away.

Educated in his native city Dr. Davenport was a high school student there and also attended Notre Dame College. The financial difficulties of the family forced him to put aside his text-books and take up the arduous task of providing for his own support. When twenty-four years of age he began studying medicine, following the advice of his mother who, before her death, counseled him to become a doctor. He received thorough preliminary training for professional work in the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and then went to Philadelphia, being graduated from the Jefferson Medical College with the class of 1881. Thus thoroughly equipped in two of the best medical colleges of the country, he returned to Indianapolis for practice but in the same year came to Vincennes, arriving in July, 1881. For twenty-nine years he has been in continuous practice here and throughout the entire period has kept abreast of the advanced thought of the medical fraternity through his membership in the county, state and national medical associations. Private reading and research, too, have also broadened his knowledge and promoted his efficiency and in all of his work he has manifested a spirit of

conscientious obligation that has been a resultant force in his success. He has been connected as surgeon with the Vandalia, Big Four and Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad Companies for about a quarter of a century and at the present writing is surgeon for the New York Central lines and the Evansville & Terre Haute.

On the 12th of January, 1884, Dr. Davenport was married to Miss Ruth Watson, a daughter of L. L. Watson, an old settler of Vincennes. They are members of the Presbyterian church, in which Dr. Davenport is serving as a trustee and Mrs. Davenport as a deaconess. She takes a very active part in all branches of church work and is a generous contributor where charity is needed. They occupy a beautiful home which is the abode of warm-hearted hospitality.

Dr. Davenport is a genial, pleasant gentleman, with a smile and good word for every one, and is deservedly popular. His ability has placed him in the front rank of the medical fraternity in Vincennes, while the sterling traits of his character have gained him firm hold upon the affection of friends and neighbors. Free from ostentation or display, he nevertheless demands the warm regard of all with whom he comes in contact and is held in high esteem alike by young and old, rich and poor.

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#### C. L. V. TUCKER.

The statement of Grover Cleveland that "A public office is a public trust," has become current and there is a growing demand that the trust that is given through popular suffrage shall be sacredly cherished. There has never been, perhaps, a more thorough awakening of the public conscience than at the present time, when on every hand active condemnation is meeting the man who is not loyal to the duties entrusted to his care. Reelection, therefore, is usually proof of both fidelity and capability on the part of the office-holder, and such is the case with Mr. Tucker, who in 1909 was reelected for a second term's service as city clerk of Vincennes. He was born in the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Noble on the 30th of April, 1863. His father, Joseph Tucker, and his grandfather, Abraham Tucker, were both natives of Pennsylvania. When a young man Joseph Tucker removed westward to Illinois, settling at Noble, and Abraham Tucker afterward joined him and there spent his last days. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Nancy Bedwell, and was a native of Grayson county, Kentucky. With her parents she removed to Illinois and in Noble formed the acquaintance of Joseph Tucker, who sought her hand in marriage. To provide for his family Mr. Tucker followed the occupation of farming, giving to that pursuit his undivided attention until his life's labors were ended in death in 1866. His widow survived him for almost a quarter of a century and passed away in 1889.

C. L. V. Tucker was educated in the country schools and in the graded schools of Noble, while later he attended the high school in Mexico, Missouri, where an uncle lived. He afterward returned to the home farm in Illinois, there remaining until his mother's death. Subsequent to that time he spent two years in a store at Noble and on the expiration of that period turned his attention to the newspaper work in Mexico, Missouri, being connected with the Daily Ledger for two and a half years. On the expiration of that period he went to Indian Territory, where he remained for six months, and on leaving the southwest returned to his native state, settling in Olney, where he founded the Olney Democrat which he published for one year. After a short time spent in Chicago he came to Vincennes in April 1893, and for twelve years was connected with the Sun as city editor. He afterward spent one year with the Commercial, and then, putting aside individual interests, took upon himself the duties of public service through his election to the office of city clerk in 1905. In 1909 he was reelected for a second term, this coming to him as the endorsement of his previous four years' service. He has always been active in politics as an advocate of democratic principles, and is recognized as one of the local leaders of his party.

Mr. Tucker was married in Noble, Illinois, to Miss Stella Pea, a daughter of T. S. Pea, now a resident of Vincennes. They are the parents of five children, Percy, Frank, C. L. V., Jr., Marlin and Mildred.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Tucker is connected with the Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Tribe of Ben Hur. He became well known in newspaper circles, his ability winning him recognition, and he is equally popular in public office, the high regard which is tendered him in this connection being based upon his loyalty to duty and the efficiency which he displays in conducting the public interests intrusted to his keeping.

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#### E. L. GLASS.

E. L. Glass, city comptroller, serving for the second term in that office by reappointment by Mayor McDowell, was born in Vincennes, October 28, 1872. His father, John R. Glass, was a native of Bonn, Germany, and in 1833, when he was three years of age, was brought to the United States by his parents, who settled in Vincennes. His grandfather, Peter W. A. Glass, was a forester in the employ of the German government before he sought the opportunities of the new world. His trade was that of a tailor and after reaching America he gave his attention to that pursuit, but died of cholera shortly after arriving in the new world. His son, John R. Glass, became a carpenter and contractor and engaged extensively in the building of bridges and railroads. He was also active in



politics as a supporter of democratic principles but the honors and emoluments of office had no attraction for him. He married Isabel Edeline, a native of Knox county, Indiana, whose father William Edeline, was of French Canadian birth. The death of John R. Glass occurred in 1908 when he was seventy-nine years of age. Of their family of twelve children seven are yet living.

In the public schools of Vincennes E. L. Glass pursued his education and after putting aside his text-books became associated with his father in carpentering and contracting. He was connected with the business until 1894, when he entered the post-office as chief clerk, there remaining until 1897. In that year he became bookkeeper for a mercantile firm with which he remained for five years, when he began contracting on his own account, continuing the business until 1906, when he accepted the office of city comptroller. In 1910 he was reappointed by Mayor McDowell, so that he is serving for the second term of four years.

In 1898 Mr. Glass was united in marriage to Miss Louise Thuis, a native of Vincennes and a daughter of Henry Thuis. They have become the parents of six children, Mary S., John, Elizabeth, Edwin, Clara and Martha. Mr. and Mrs. Glass are well known in this city where they have an extensive and growing circle of warm friends. Mr. Glass's record in public office is a creditable one, commending him to the confidence and warm regard of not only the advocates of democratic principles but also of adherents of the opposition party. Wherever he is known he is held in high esteem and most of all where he is best known.

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### WILLIAM BOUSHIE.

William Boushie is numbered among Vincennes' citizens who were at one time connected with agricultural interests but are now living retired. He is still, however, the owner of an excellent farm comprising two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land situated about ten and a half miles south of the city. Knox county numbers him among her native sons, for his birth occurred in Vincennes township, on the 17th of February, 1848, his parents being John L. and Rosann (Deloria) Boushie. The father was born and reared in this county upon the farm of his father, who was one of the old settlers here. The grandparents of our subject were Lawrence and Jeannette (Godair) Boushie but even they were not the first representatives of the name in this part of the state, for Lawrence Boushie was born in the city of Vincennes and was a son of Vetel and Susanna (Cardinal) Boushie. The latter was born and reared on the present site of the Huffman store. Vincennes is one of the oldest cities in all the Mississippi valley, having been founded as a French trading post long before it was dreamed that the invasion of settlers from the east would

make this as much an American province as were the seaboard states. Vetal Boushie was born in Canada and was of French descent. The Cardinal family was established here among the first settlers penetrating into this district, when it was a wild western region, the Indians being far more numerous than the white inhabitants. The parents of Mrs. Vetal Boushie were from Canada and are mentioned in national history.

William Boushie has every reason to be proud of his ancestral history because of the close and honorable connection of earlier generations of the family with the development and upbuilding of this portion of the state. At the usual age he was sent as a pupil to the country school and therein mastered the branches of learning that usually constitute the district-school curriculum. The periods of vacation and the morning and evening hours were devoted to work upon the home farm and he early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He started in business on his own account on attaining his majority, first renting land until he had saved a sufficient sum to enable him to buy a farm. His first investment made him the owner of twenty acres and by hard work he brought this under a high state of cultivation and as his crops returned him a good income he added to his holdings until his farm now embraces two hundred and forty acres within its boundaries. He was engaged in raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and seldom did he fail to raise a good crop, for the land was productive and his methods of cultivation practical. He also engaged in raising some stock and in course of years met with such prosperity that he is now enabled to live retired, possessing a competence that supplies him with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

On the 21st of November, 1882, Mr. Boushie was married to Miss Eulalie La Plant, whose ancestors in the paternal line were among the first settlers of Knox county, which means that the family for more than a century has been represented here. Thus both Mr. and Mrs. Boushie are connected with the oldest families of this portion of the state. He belongs to St. Xavier's church of which he is a prominent member, taking active part in its work and contributing generously to its support.

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#### O'CONNELL FAIRHURST, M. D.

The name of Fairhurst has stood for three generations as a synonym for efficiency in the medical profession. Aside from the excellent work which he did as a general practitioner, Dr. Fairhurst was perhaps best known for his work in connection with the cure of the liquor, tobacco and drug habits—a work of inestimable benefit to those who have unfortunately passed beyond the point of self-control in such matters. All through his professional career he thought broadly, studied deeply and acted wisely and his labors were crowned with success that was not meas-

ured by material gain alone but also by gratitude and appreciation of his services.

Dr. Fairhurst was born in Bruceville, this county, on the 15th of March, 1846. His father, Dr. William Fairhurst, was a native of Virginia, born in 1811. When a boy he accompanied his parents to Knox county, Indiana, his father, Samuel Fairhurst, removing with his family to a farm in the vicinity of Bruceville. Thus the name has figured in connection with the history of this country for more than a century. Amid pioneer surroundings Dr. O'Connell Fairhurst spent the days of his boyhood and youth and supplemented his public school education by study in Butler University at Indianapolis. He afterward attended Rush Medical College of Chicago in 1868-1869 and then entered Bellevue Medical College of New York City, from which he was graduated with the class of 1870. He afterward pursued a special course of study in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and in 1877 pursued a special course in surgery and anatomy in St. Louis. At intervals all through his life he repaired to some center of learning for further instruction in some branch of the profession which he had chosen as his life work and in this way kept continuously in touch with modern advancement. In 1877 he attended the St. Louis Medical College where he pursued a special course on the diseases and refraction of the eye.

Dr. Fairhurst located for practice in Bruceville where he continued in partnership with his father until 1875. Removing to Vincennes, he practiced in partnership with Dr. J. R. Mantle for five years and later was alone until 1885 when he formed a partnership with H. M. Smith and F. M. Harris. In this relation he continued until September 11, 1886, after which he remained alone until July, 1894, when he removed to Boston, Massachusetts, and joined Dr. R. C. Flower in practice, remaining in that city for four years. Upon his return to Vincennes at the expiration of that period he formed a partnership with W. B. Anderson and they were thus associated until 1899, after which Dr. Fairhurst practiced independently until the time of his death which occurred January 25, 1910. He was pension examiner for years under presidents Garfield and Arthur and all through his life concentrated his energies upon his professional duties and kindred interests. He devoted much time to a study of a cure for the liquor, tobacco and drug habits and perfected his cure in 1892, after which it was published in pamphlet form for distribution to members of the medical fraternity. It is a valuable work and one which will cause his name to be honored and revered for years to come.

On the 26th of April, 1870, Dr. Fairhurst was united in marriage to Miss Sallie R. Harrison of Vincennes, whose parents were early residents of Knox county. Four children were born of this marriage: Sadie, now the wife of Dr. McCarty of Indianapolis; Omar, a practicing physician; and Emma and Ella, twins. The former is the wife of O. C. Phillips, a practicing lawyer of Memphis, Tennessee.

In his political views Dr. Fairhurst was always a republican and gave loyal support to the party and its principles. He was a highly respected citizen whose interest in public affairs was manifested in his cooperation in many movements for the general good. His professional duties were always his first interest and yet he did not allow these to so absorb his time and energies as to exclude his active participation in events which were of vital significance to the community. In all social and professional relations he commanded the unqualified confidence and trust of his fellowmen and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

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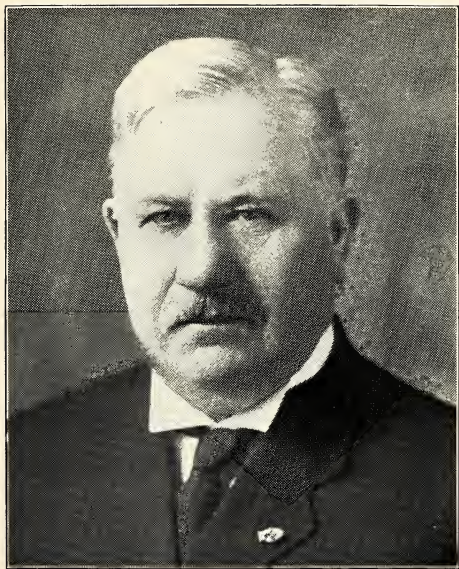
#### OMAR FAIRHURST, M. D.

A member of the Fairhurst family needs no introduction in Knox county for through more than one hundred years representatives of the name have here resided and have been connected with all that has marked the progress and improvement of this section of the state. Dr. Omar Fairhurst, like others of the family, has selected the practice of medicine as his life work and like his father and grandfather before him, is meeting with success in this field. He was born in Vincennes August 8, 1876, and after pursuing his early education in the schools of that city attended the Kentucky University. Taking up the study of medicine, he spent two years as a student in the Boston College of Physicians and Surgeons in Massachusetts and for one year was a student in the University of Louisville. He then entered Barnes Medical College of St. Louis, Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1899. He entered upon his professional career in connection with his father in Vincennes and the business association between them was maintained until his father's death, since which time Dr. Omar Fairhurst has remained alone in general practice in this city. The habits of thoroughness, perseverance and careful analysis which he formed at the outset of his practice are proving strong and potent elements in his professional advancement. Each forward step brings him a broader outlook and wider opportunities and his work has already reflected credit upon an untarnished family name.

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#### HON. W. A. CULLOP.

Two qualities not commonly met with in the same individual are prominent characteristics of W. A. Cullop of Vincennes, congressman, representing the second Indiana district. For years he has been one of the most distinguished members of the bar of southwestern Indiana and he is also a business man whose ability in large manufacturing and industrial concerns is shown by the position he occupies in such enterprises in Vincennes and



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the surrounding country. He is known as a scholar, a public speaker, a lawyer whose ability has been tested in many cases of great importance and a politician whose counsels have in more than one instance led to the success of his party at the polls. He has acted as delegate to state, county and national conventions and few men of his age in Indiana have had a wider experience or stand higher in the estimation of the community where they are best known.

W. A. Cullop is a native of Knox county, born March 28, 1853, upon a farm, where he made his home until twenty-one years of age. He is the son of William W. and Maria J. (Patterson) Cullop. His early education was acquired in the district and graded schools. Entering the freshmen class of Hanover College in 1874, he was graduated with the degree of A. B. four years later, receiving the honorary degree of A. M. from his alma mater in 1883. He taught school for two years and for two years was a teacher in the Vincennes University. Having decided upon the law as his profession, he studied under the Hon. T. R. Cobb of Vincennes and was admitted to the Knox county bar January 1, 1881. Since that time he has been in active practice at Vincennes and is now senior member of the firm of Cullop & Shaw.

From the beginning of his professional career Mr. Cullop made a favorable impression and he soon gained recognition as an attorney who could be depended upon at all times to represent his clients' interests to the utmost of his ability. His initial appearance in public office was as prosecuting attorney of the twelfth judicial district, in which position he continued from 1882 to 1886, advancing rapidly and destined in the opinion of his friends to a position in the front rank. In 1890 he was elected on the democratic ticket to the legislature and re-elected in 1892. During the second session he was given the important position of chairman of the committee on ways and means and was also leader of the majority on the floor of the house. He became recognized as one of the leaders of his party in the state and has ever since been prominent in Indiana politics. In 1892 he was a delegate to the democratic national convention at Chicago and again in 1896. He was a member of the committee to notify Cleveland and Stevenson of their nomination in 1892. In 1900 he was democratic candidate for elector of the second district. As chairman of the committee on resolutions of the democratic state convention in 1904 he displayed great tact and a knowledge of men and affairs that greatly increased the respect in which he had previously been held by delegates from all parts of Indiana. His name was prominently mentioned in connection with the gubernatorial nomination but he declined to run and receiving the nomination for congress from the second district, he entered the race and was elected for the term of 1909-1911. So acceptably did he fill the office that he was re-elected in the fall of 1910.

As indicated above, Mr. Cullop does not confine his attention entirely to the law or politics. He has for many years been identified as officer and director with various business enterprises. He is vice president of the

Knox Coal Company, of Bicknell, Indiana, organized in 1900, and was a member of the board of directors of the Hartman Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of agricultural implements, at Vincennes; director of the Star Range & Shovel Company, of Vincennes; and stockholder in the Vincennes Paper Company. He is the owner of a highly improved farm of six hundred acres in Knox county and in business as in political affairs has fulfilled the prophecies of his friends of early days.

Mr. Cullop has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Kate S. Cobb, a daughter of Honorable R. T. Cobb, of Vincennes, and his present wife was Mrs. Artie Goodwin of Chicago, a lady of high accomplishments and great charm of appearance and manner. He has one daughter, Carolyn, who is now the wife of Victor Keller, a prominent attorney of San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Cullop has been a hard worker all his life and yet has found time to cultivate the social amenities and has many friends in all political parties. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and of the Pastime Club. Nowhere is he so favorably spoken of as in the county where he was born and where he has spent fifty-seven years of an active and useful life and it is the unanimous verdict of the people of Knox county that the congressional record of their representative during the years 1909-1913 will redound to the credit of the district and the state.

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### JOHN A. OSTENDORF.

John A. Ostendorf is numbered among the men of foreign birth who found in Vincennes the chance of working upward through the utilization of their own ability and talents. Emerson declared that "America is another name for opportunity." Given time and opportunity, what results may be achieved by ambition and industry the lives of our successful men illustrate. Little wonder that, as President Harrison once observed: "The gates of Castle Garden never swing outward." Millions have severed home ties in distant lands to seek in the United States the opportunity for advancement denied them abroad. To this class belonged John A. Ostendorf, who became one of the early jewelry merchants of Vincennes. He was a man of well developed activities and powers and long occupied a prominent position on the stage of business action in this city. He was born in the town of Dinklage, Germany, on the 14th of December, 1834, and a lifetime of seventy years was allotted him—years which were well spent and brought him not only substantial success but also the good will and esteem of his fellowmen. He pursued his education in the schools of his native country while spending his youthful days in the home of his parents, John H. and Helena (Boeckman) Ostendorf. The father crossed the Atlantic to America, accompanied by his children, all except



his son John and a daughter, who had previously migrated. The mother had died prior to this time in Germany, passing away in 1846.

John A. Ostendorf learned the jeweler's trade in Germany under the direction of his father and remained in that country until nineteen years of age, when he determined to test the truth of the reports which he had heard concerning America and its business chances. Accordingly he bade adieu to friends and family and sailed for the United States, landing at New Orleans. From that point he made his way northward, the latter part of his journey being made in a stage coach. He had borrowed money with which to come to America and his first thought was to discharge this indebtedness, which he soon accomplished by reason of his close application and unfaltering industry. He became one of the pioneer jewelry merchants of Vincennes, establishing business on a small scale, but gradually developed a good trade until his enterprise had grown to extensive and profitable proportions. He carried a large and attractive line of jewelry of domestic and foreign manufacture, and the tasteful arrangement of his store and his reliable business methods were also elements in his success.

On the 13th of May, 1862, Mr. Ostendorf was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Duesterberg, a daughter of G. H. and Caroline (Bockman) Duesterberg. Six children were born of this marriage. Catherine, who was educated in the schools of Vincennes, resides at home with her mother. Henry B., who married Hortense Debuiseret, has three children, Mary C., John H. and Ruth. John H., John M., Frank N. and Edward are all deceased. Mr. Ostendorf was a member of St. John's German Catholic church and died in that faith on the 23d of December, 1904.

His life record has covered three score years and ten and it contains many lessons which might be profitably considered and pondered. His business career indicates what may be accomplished through determined and honorable effort and, moreover, his success never represented another's loss but was the result of effort intelligently applied. The genuine use which he made of his means in assisting others marked him, moreover, as a man of kindly spirit. His life in all of its varied phases was characterized by principles of truth and honor.

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#### CHARLES G. MATHESIE.

Charles G. Mathesie has now reached the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey but is still active in the public service, filling the office of deputy city treasurer. He has at different times been closely associated with this and other public offices and his record in these connections has ever been one which at all times has commended him to the confidence and high regard of his fellowmen. A native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Mr.

Mathesie was born on the 11th of December, 1833, of the marriage of Christian M. and Mary Ditman, both natives of Germany, in which country they were reared, educated and married. The father was a gunsmith by trade and served under Napoleon in charge of the gunsmith's department. Two children were born unto him and his wife ere they bade adieu to the fatherland and sailed for the United States. Settling in Lancaster, Christian Mathesie entered the employ of the government as a gunsmith and there remained until 1846 when he came to Indiana, settling first at Evansville. He afterward lived at New Harmony for ten years and then returned to Evansville where his death occurred in 1858. His wife passed away a year later.

Accompanying his parents on their westward removal in his early boyhood days, Charles G. Mathesie pursued his studies in the public schools of Evansville and entered business circles as a clerk in a mercantile establishment, being thus employed for a number of years. In 1854 he came to Vincennes and accepted a clerical position in the postoffice under J. A. Dick, the position being secured for him by the postmaster in Evansville. He served in that capacity for two years and then turned his attention to merchandising, but afterward returned to the postoffice under Judge Moore, there remaining until the first election of Abraham Lincoln to the presidency. In 1861 Mr. Mathesie was elected city clerk and by reelection was continued in the position for eight years. He was then elected county treasurer in 1870 and filled the office for two terms. While city clerk he also acted as deputy county treasurer and in both positions made an unassailable record, his course being characterized by fidelity as well as ability in the discharge of his duties. He next turned his attention to the grocery business, becoming senior partner of the firm of Mathesie & Horsting, in which connection he remained for two years, when he sold his interest to his partner and returned to the court house as deputy treasurer which office he occupied for four years. In 1885 he was appointed to fill out an unexpired term of the defaulting county treasurer and at the end of that time was nominated for the position of treasurer but was defeated. Later he was appointed to fill out an unexpired term in the office of the city treasurer and afterward was elected to the office but resigned his position before the expiration of the term in order that he might accept the position of secretary and treasurer of the Citizens' Gas Company. He acted in that capacity for eleven years and much of the success of the enterprise was due to his capable management and close application. In 1879 he organized the first building and loan association of Vincennes, known as the Vincennes Building & Loan Association, No. 1. He also aided in organizing the Knox Building & Loan Association in 1883 and has continuously served as its secretary to the present time. In 1908 he entered the city treasurer's office of which he had charge during the illness of the regularly elected incumbent. On the 1st of January, 1910, the offices of city treasurer and county treasurer

both came under the same management and Mr. Mathesie was made deputy city treasurer, which position he now holds. In 1860 he was appointed census taker for his township and thus through much of his life he has continued in the public service, his faithfulness and capability being the cause of his selection for office again and again.

Mr. Mathesie was married in 1858 to Miss Amanda B. Coleman, a native of Vincennes and a daughter of Jeremiah Coleman, a pioneer millwright of this vicinity. They have two daughters who are yet living: Cora L., now the wife of Earl H. Buck; and Nellie, who is engaged in teaching music. They also lost two sons: William S., who died at the age of fourteen years; and Charles, who died at the age of eleven months.

Mr. Mathesie belongs to Vincennes Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and is now its oldest representative. He is likewise connected with the Knights of Pythias fraternity and with the Presbyterian church. His activities have never been bounded by narrowing individual interests. Local advancement and national progress are causes both dear to his heart. He is a well informed man upon the great questions of the day, which are regarded as of vital significance.

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### HENRY H. SCHWARTZ.

Henry H. Schwartz, manager of the Vincennes water-works since 1889, and otherwise prominently connected with business interests in this city, wherein he has manifested the most salient elements of his character—earnest purpose and unfaltering determination—is a native of Germany, born October 29, 1857. His father, Christian Schwartz, and his mother, Fredericka (Jahn) Schwartz, were also natives of that country in which they spent their entire lives.

At the usual age Henry H. Schwartz entered the schools of Germany wherein he pursued his studies until a youth of eleven years, when he came alone to America at the request of an uncle in Massillon, Ohio. The voyage was made upon a sailing vessel, and he started to work in a coal mine in Massillon before he was twelve years of age. Few have so worthily won the proud American title of "a self-made man." His record is another proof of the fact that the dynamics of the human will can overcome any human difficulty and that a fixed and unalterable purpose, pursued under all circumstances, in season and out of season, with no shadow of turning, is the best motive power a man can have. Mr. Schwartz continued a resident of Ohio until 1888 but only worked for six months in the mines, as he constantly sought broader and better opportunities leading toward success. He was employed for a time in a paper mill and then learned the machinist's trade, becoming a stationary engineer. He began running an engine when only seventeen years of age and has continued in the same field of activity to the present.

He came to Vincennes in 1889 to take charge of the water-works plant, which at that time was operated for only twelve hours daily but is now in operation for twenty hours each day. During this period many improvements have been made and others are contemplated. The water-works system of the city has been brought to a high state of efficiency, giving adequate service to the public, and is run on as economical a basis as can be done without sacrifice to good service. That Vincennes feels that she made a wise choice in her selection of Mr. Schwartz as manager of the water-works of this city is evident from the fact of his twenty-one years' service in the position. Extending his efforts into other fields which, however, have never interfered with the faithful performance of his duty in this connection, he is now president of the North Side Building & Loan Association and for a number of years was president of the Vincennes Ice & Cold Storage Company but eventually resigned as its chief executive officer.

Mr. Schwartz has been married twice. In 1877, in Masillon, Ohio, he wedded Miss Louise Locker, who died in 1896. In 1898 he married Miss Marie Hamke. He has eleven children, six of whom are now living. He is prominent in the German societies of the city, is president of the Harmonie Verein and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His high rank as a citizen, who is devoted to the public welfare, is never questioned, while the qualities which he manifests in individual and private relations have won for him the respect and good will of the people of his adopted city.

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#### S. M. EMISON.

Among the younger members of the Knox county bar, whose ability has been attested in forensic contest with many an older and more experienced attorney, his ability proving his power as an advocate, is numbered S. M. Emison, a native son of Knox county, born August 8, 1879. His father, James Emison, also a native of this county, was born October 22, 1846, and one of the most successful and representative business men of Vincennes. He is now senior member of the firm of J. & S. Emison, millers, actively engaged in the promotion of one of the leading productive industries of the city. He married Hulda M. McClelland, a native of Knox county, born October 22, 1846. Her life covered the intervening years to 1881, when she was called to her final rest. The family numbered two sons and three daughters, but the brother of our subject, Hugh Harper, died at the age of sixteen years.

In the pursuit of his education S. M. Emison attended the Vincennes University and also the University of Indiana, from which he was graduated with the class of 1899, thereby completing his more specifically liter-

ary course. His law studies were pursued in the office of J. W. Emison, and following his admission to the bar in 1900 he formed a partnership with J. P. Haughton, with whom he was connected in the practice of law until Mr. Haughton's death in 1909. Since that time Mr. Emison has been alone. His progress has been continuous and gratifying. In no profession does advancement depend more entirely upon individual merit and ability than in the law. Mr. Emison, however, brought to the starting point of his career certain excellent qualities—a good presence, a dignified manner, when appearing before the court, and a keen power of analysis. In his presentation of a case he seems to lose sight of no essential point and gives to each element of law and fact its due relative prominence. In 1902 he was elected prosecuting attorney, serving for two terms. His standing among his professional brethren is indicated by the fact that in 1907 he served as president of the Knox County Bar Association—an honor seldom conferred upon so young a man.

In 1907 Mr. Emison was married to Miss Emily Adams, a native of Knox county and a daughter of John C. Adams, a lawyer of considerable local prominence who has served as county attorney and has been connected with much important litigation tried in the courts of the district. Mrs. Emison is a granddaughter of General Culberson, and thus represents two of the old families of this part of the state.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Emison is a Mason and has attained the Knight Templar degree. He belongs also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and is in hearty sympathy with the purpose of those organizations, which have as their basic principle a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind. A representative son of an old family of the county that from pioneer times has been represented by those bearing a name which throughout the entire period has been an influential one, his record is one which adds luster thereto, for in the practice of law he holds to high ideals and is steadily reaching upward to the exalted standard which he has set for himself.

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#### ISAAC N. HENDERSON.

While Isaac N. Henderson is now living retired, his home being at No. 219 South Fifth street in Vincennes, he was for many years closely, actively and successfully connected with agricultural interests in Knox county, and his well directed labors brought to him the prosperity that now enables him to rest from further business activity. He was born upon a farm in Lawrence county, Indiana, July 8th, 1848, and is a representative of one of the old families of this state, his paternal grandparents having located in Lawrence county when Indiana was regarded as the western frontier. His father, Robert Henderson, was born on the 11th of January,

1826, spent his youthful days upon the farm, and pursued his education in the public schools. When he attained his majority he resolved to follow as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared, and became the owner of a good tract of land in Lawrence county, which he tilled successfully until after the Civil war, when he sold that property and went to Tunnelton, Indiana, where he conducted a hotel for some time and then came to Vincennes. Not long after he purchased land near the farm that is now the property of his son Isaac. In early manhood he wedded Emily Hoopingarner, and for many years they traveled life's journey happily together, sharing with each other the joys and sorrows with which adversity and prosperity checker the careers of all. They were married on the 4th of March, 1847, and the death of Robert H., occurred on the 26th of August, 1904, when he was seventy-eight years of age. His wife died in 1898.

Isaac N. Henderson spent his youthful days in the usual manner of farm lads who were reared amid the pioneer environment. Many hardships and trials had to be borne on account of the unsettled condition of the country. He attended the schools of Lawrence county, and when not busy with his text-books, his time was largely devoted to the work of the farm, his father giving him thorough training in the best methods of planting and cultivating the crops. He was about twenty-six years of age when the family came to this county, where he continued to do work for his father. At the age of thirty years he bought his first farm, a tract of one hundred and twenty acres, to which he added from time to time as his financial resources increased. His later purchases have made him the owner of about three hundred and eighty acres, all of which is valuable farm property, and returns to him a substantial annual income. He successfully tilled the fields for many years, bringing the place under a high state of cultivation and adding many improvements to the farm in the shape of well kept buildings.

On the 18th of February, 1875, Mr. Henderson was united in marriage to Miss Helen I. Hudson, a daughter of Absalom and Eliza (Robinson) Hudson, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Virginia. Her parents spent the greater part of their lives however, in Knox county. They purchased a farm and there lived for a long period, but afterward established their home in Oaktown, and subsequently came to Vincennes. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Henderson have been born four children: Cora, who is the wife of James Wilson, a resident farmer of this county, and has three children: Helen, William and Raymond; Minnie, the wife of Wood Watgen; Maud, the wife of Bert Alexander, and the mother of one son Dudley; and Claude, who is employed in a wholesale drug house in Indianapolis.

Mr. Henderson belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is an advocate of the democratic party in politics. He takes an active interest in political questions and conditions, and has served as president

of the Board of County Commissioners. In the upbuilding and progress of Knox county he has ever manifested a deep interest, and has given his support to those measures calculated to prove of public good. His strict integrity and honorable dealing in business have commended him to the confidence of all, his pleasant manner wins him friends, and he is one of the popular and respected citizens of Vincennes.

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### GUY L. SHEPARD.

On the roster of county officials in Knox county appears the name of Guy L. Shepard, who is filling the office of recorder. Accurate and systematic in the discharge of his duties, conscientious and efficient in the performance of public service, his record is winning for him high commendation. He was born in Oaktown, this county, September 21, 1875. His father, John N. Shepard, was also a native of that place to which the grandfather, Horace B. Shepard, removed on his arrival from Kentucky in the '20's. He settled upon a farm near Oaktown and there reared his family, making his home in that locality until after his children had reached mature years, when he came to Vincennes where for many years he filled the office of revenue collector. He was very prominent in political circles and in fact took an active and conspicuous part in shaping the early policy and molding the destiny of the county along various lines. His political endorsement was given to the republican party. He reached the very venerable age of ninety-eight years and passed away in Vincennes.

John N. Shepard, the father of Guy L. Shepard, was reared to the occupation of farming and for many years followed that pursuit. He, too, became prominent in the county, serving as postmaster of Oaktown for four years, and was trustee of Busseron township. He was the first county assessor appointed by the county commissioners, but after filling that office for a time resigned. He was born in 1834 and passed away in 1909. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret C. Sproat, was a native of Busseron township and a daughter of Benjamin B. and Mary (Pifer) Sproat, who were natives of Virginia and Knox county, Indiana, respectively. Her father is still living at Oaktown at the advanced age of ninety-six years, but his wife passed away in 1908 when ninety-three years of age. Their daughter Margaret became the wife of John N. Shepard and by her marriage had five sons all of whom are yet living: George H., a resident of Vincennes; Ben H., Frank J. and Edgar V., who are following farming in Knox county; and Guy.

The last named was educated in the public schools of Oaktown, in a business college at Quincy, Illinois, and in the Danville College of Indiana. His course completed, he accepted the position of bookkeeper with the Sewer Pipe Company of Vincennes, there remaining for some time.



He was afterward bookkeeper with the firm of I. Joseph & Sons, and later spent four years with the Vincennes Implement Company of this city, being recognized as an expert accountant. He put aside the duties of his position, however, to accept the office of county recorder, to which he was elected in 1906, and in March, 1910, he was renominated for the position which he is now filling for a second term.

In 1907 Mr. Shepard was united in marriage to Miss Tillie M. Bowen, a native of Oaktown and a daughter of William J. and Florence (Pugh) Bowen. The father was a farmer by occupation and is one of the old residents of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard have one daughter, Helen, who was born February 18, 1910. They are members of the Christian church and are widely known socially, having an extensive circle of warm friends in Oaktown, Vincennes and other parts of the county. Mr. Shepard is proving himself a popular and efficient official, showing that the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen was not misplaced.

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#### CLARKE E. STEWART, M. D.

Dr. Clarke E. Stewart, successfully practicing medicine in Vincennes, was born in Marengo, Indiana, September 10, 1875. His father, David M. Stewart, was a native of Crawford county, this state and a farmer by occupation. In 1849 he went to California where he remained for three years. He met the usual experiences and hardships of those who crossed the plains in an early day. Following his return to the middle west David M. Stewart settled in Crawford county, Indiana, where he continued to make his home until his death which occurred in 1907 when he had reached the age of seventy-seven years. He was a stanch republican in politics, never faltering in his allegiance to the party from the time he cast his first presidential ballot for John C. Fremont. He was called to serve in a number of local offices the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. He wedded Miss Mary Proctor, also a native of Crawford county.

Dr. Stewart was a pupil in the public schools of Marengo and also in the academy of that place. He afterward took up the study of medicine and was graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville with the class of 1897. For a year he engaged in practice in New Albany, Indiana, and in 1898 came to Vincennes where he has since engaged in general practice. He is conscientious in the performance of his professional duties, is careful in diagnosing a case and as the years have gone by has proven his worth through the excellent results which have attended his labors. He belongs to the county, state and national medical societies and he also fills the office of police commissioner to which he



was called in January, 1910. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is most loyal to its teachings and principles.

In December, 1909, Dr. Stewart was married to Miss Antoinette Andrus, a native of Mount Carmel, Illinois, and a daughter of A. C. and Antoinette (Williams) Andrus. Dr. Stewart belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Knights of Pythias and other fraternal organizations. While a young man, he is prompted in all that he does in a professional way by laudable ambition and an understanding of the obligations that devolve upon him. Study and research keep him abreast with the times and in all things his work is such as to win him the high regard of his professional brethren for he ever conforms closely to a high standard of professional ethics.

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### JAMES J. MAYES.

James J. Mayes, who during much of his active life was connected with the printing business but was also prominent in public affairs as an official, filling the position of county recorder for two terms, was born in Vincennes on the 22d of January, 1830. His father, James Mayes, was a very prominent and influential citizen of Knox county for a considerable period and his fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and good works, called him to public office. He served as justice of the peace and his decisions were strictly fair and impartial. He also acted as assistant recorder of Knox county and remained a resident of the county up to the time of his death, his home being at the corner of Fourth and Perry streets in Vincennes.

At the usual age James J. Mayes was sent as a pupil to the public schools and mastering the lessons assigned him was promoted through successive grades until the time when he started in the business world, his initial step being made as a typesetter. From that time forward his life was largely devoted to the printing business, with which he thoroughly acquainted himself, learning the trade in principle and detail. His ability won him promotion through intermediate positions until he gained a prominent place as a representative of the business in Vincennes and owned the Vincennes Times. Moreover, he was recognized as one of the local leaders of the democratic party and his opinions carried weight in its councils. He ever sought the success of its candidates because he was a firm believer in its principles, regarding the different elements of the party platform as essential factors in good government. At one time his party made him the candidate for county recorder, in which position he discharged his duties with such promptness and fidelity that at the close of the first term he was reelected and filled the office altogether for four years.

When he wished to establish a home of his own Mr. Mayes chose a lady who, like himself, was a native of Vincennes. He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Dederich, who was born in this city on the 6th of July, 1840, a daughter of John and Mary Louise (Lattimore) Dederich. Her father was a native of France and at the age of twenty-one years crossed the Atlantic to America. He made his way first to Louisville, Kentucky, and later removed to Vincennes. He made farming his life work and became the owner of valuable land which, carefully cultivated, returned him a substantial income. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Mayes was blessed with an interesting family of four children: John, now living at home with his mother; Sadie L., the deceased wife of Lou Schaeffer; Mary Elizabeth, at home; and Frances, the wife of John Selby.

Mr. Mayes held membership in the Catholic church and in his life exhibited sterling traits of character which won him the high regard and esteem of those who knew him. Energy and enterprise were characteristic of his business life and his activity never faltered even in the face of discouragements, so that in time his industry and perseverance brought him a substantial reward. He lived to see remarkable changes in Vincennes, for it was but a small town in which he started on life's journey eighty years ago. As time passed on the work of development and improvement was steadily carried forward and Mr. Mayes always bore his share in promoting public progress. He also rejoiced in what was accomplished here and continued an interested witness of the public life of the community up to the time of his demise, which occurred in January, 1904.

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### COLONEL J. B. DUFFEY.

Colonel J. B. Duffey figures prominently in connection with the development of the oil fields of the Mississippi and Ohio river valleys, and the extent of his operations and his sound judgment in business affairs have brought him a measure of success that is most gratifying and substantial. He is a native of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, born in 1851, and as the family name indicates he comes of Irish lineage. His great-grandfather was a native of the Emerald isle and was the founder of the family in the new world, crossing the Atlantic to Virginia, where he became the owner of a plantation. James Duffey, the grandfather of our subject, removed from Lynchburg, Virginia, to Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, settling upon a farm which he cultivated and improved, and which became the birthplace of Peter Duffey, the father of the Colonel. In that locality Peter Duffey was reared and educated, and after arriving at years of maturity he wedded Isabella Beattie, a daughter of John Beattie, a native of Scotland, who, hearing of the opportunities and advantages offered in the new world, bade adieu to the land of hills and heather and made his way over the briny deep to the

American continent. He was a farmer by occupation and married a Miss Mountz. After reaching the new world he settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and thus Coloney Duffey is a representative of two of the old families of the Keystone state.

Reared in the county of his nativity, the early experiences of J. B. Duffey were those which usually fall to the lot of the farm boy. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges, which he improved, gaining thereby a good fundamental knowledge. In the vacation periods he worked in the fields and early became familiar with the practical methods of tilling the soil and cultivating the crops. Pennsylvania, however, became the center of the oil industry prior to the discovery of oil in other sections of the country, and Colonel Duffey's attention being attracted thereto, he entered the oil fields at the age of twenty-four years, operating first in Bullion, Venango county, Pennsylvania. He was very successful from the start and has continued in this line, occasionally meeting with losses, but on the whole enjoying almost continuous prosperity. His sound judgment has been manifest in his judicious investment. In 1888 he opened up the Claysville oil field in Washington county, Pennsylvania. This was a large field and proved very remunerative. He drilled the first well and obtained the first fifth sand oil ever discovered. Subsequently he operated in West Virginia and in Ohio, and also drilled a large number of wells in Tennessee, all dry. About four years ago he removed to Vincennes and the same success which previously attended him has remained with him during his operations in the oil fields of Illinois. Few men are more thoroughly in touch with what is being done in the operation of oil fields throughout the country and his study of the question as to where oil is likely to be found—a study that indicates a comprehensive knowledge of geology—has enabled Colonel Duffey to make most judicious investments that have returned to him substantial profits.

On the 27th of June, 1876, Colonel Duffey was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Matilda Holland, of Butler county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Squire William Holland, one of the pioneers of that state. They have become the parents of five children: Claude C., who is a graduate of the Washington and Jefferson University and is now associated with his father in business; Dr. Harry E., who was graduated from the same school as his brother, also from Lafayette College and from a medical college at Baltimore, Maryland, and is now associated with his father; Gertrude C., who has studied singing in Paris for three years under Jean de Reszke; John B., Jr., who is a graduate of the Washington and Jefferson College and is engaged in the oil business; and Walter E., who was a student in the academy at Andover, Massachusetts, and is now in Portland, Oregon.

Colonel Duffey became a member of the Elks lodge at Sistersville, West Virginia, and is a member of the Catholic church. In business affairs he is most alert and at all times manifests an aptitude for successful accomplishment. His success is due to his close study of conditions and questions bearing upon the line of business in which he is engaged. His energy is un-

faltering and he never allows obstacles and difficulties to bar his path if they can be overcome by persistent and honorable effort. Thus gradually he has advanced in his business career until he is now well known as one of the successful operators in oil in the middle west.

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### FELIX L. CADOU.

There is no doubt that the application of electricity presents one of the most interesting and useful studies for any aspiring individual that can be named. In all civilized countries it is coming into use more generally every year and yet the greatest electrical geniuses of the world declare that only a fraction of its capabilities are as yet known, as it is possible that the foundation of the universe itself may yet be traced to this subtle and mysterious agent.

Among the men who have made a special study of electricity extending over a period of many years is Felix L. Cadou, manager of the City Electric Lighting Company's plant, and in his specialty he has covered the ground very thoroughly, after having previously secured the advantages of education at one of the greatest universities of the world. Mr. Cadou is a native of Australia and was born in Melbourne April 17, 1867. The father, Eugene Cadou, was a native of France and major general of the French army. The mother, Janie Sparks, before her marriage, was born in England and married in Australia. There were two children in the family, Felix L. and Edward, the latter is now serving as lieutenant commander in the English navy.

The subject of our review was educated in England and France and is a graduate of Oxford University. His education was pursued along scientific lines and he began his active career in London, England, with the Bell Telephone Company, continuing for five years and becoming thoroughly familiar with the principles applied in the telephone. He was then sent by the company to various countries of Europe as its representative for three years and in 1889 came to America where he entered a factory and studied electric lighting for a year. After this he traveled for two years in various states, establishing electric lighting plants, first coming to Vincennes in 1892. Later he established a plant at Washington, Indiana, and in 1903 took up his permanent residence in this city and has since been in charge of the City Electric Lighting Company's plant which under his management has been brought to a high degree of perfection.

In 1895 Mr. Cadou was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Jepson, of Washington, Indiana. Three sons were born of this union: Eugene Jepson, born March 14, 1897; Edward Leonce, born August 17, 1898; and Felix L., born August 2, 1901. Mrs. Cadou was called away in 1906 and Mr. Cadou was married in 1909 to Miss Effie Talbot.

Mr. Cadou is a member of the Royal Arcanum and is socially identified with the Pastime Club and the Country Club and, being a man of fine address and extensive reading and observation, he is a most interesting conversationalist and has many friends in Vincennes. He is recognized as the possessor of excellent business capacity and in his dealings with the public has exercised a judgment and good sense that are valuable qualities in any man. That he has been eminently successful in his chosen vocation is demonstrated in the responsible position he now fills a position which he has occupied with increasing capability for seven years past.

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### BENJAMIN NIEHAUS.

Benjamin Niehaus, secretary and treasurer of the Vincennes Sash & Door Company, and well known as a substantial business man of the city, was born in Posey county, Indiana, January 11, 1867. He is a son of Henry and Rosina (TenBarge) Niehaus, the former born in Germany, about 1827, and the latter in Holland, in 1824. Mr. Niehaus, Sr., was a carpenter and bricklayer, and there were eight children in the family, seven of whom are now living, including: Roman, of Louisville, Kentucky; Mary, now Mrs. A. J. Klein, of Evansville, Indiana; Henry, of Evansville; Lena, now Mrs. George Meney, of Haubstadt, Indiana; and Benjamin, our subject.

Educated in the common schools, Benjamin Niehaus early began his active career in a carriage and wagon shop, continuing there for ten years and becoming thoroughly familiar with the various departments of the business. Desiring to see something of the world, he went west and worked at his trade for two years in the state of Colorado. However, he was attracted again to his native state and, returning from the Rocky mountains, he entered the planing mill business at Haubstadt, continuing for nine years. He then came to Vincennes and after being identified with a furniture factory for one year, he became associated with the Vincennes Sash & Door Company, and since 1906 has most creditably filled the position of secretary and treasurer in that organization.

On April 21, 1891, Mr. Niehaus was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hillenbrand, who was born in Vanderburg county, Indiana, in 1868. She is a daughter of William and Katherine (Kissell) Hillenbrand, and was reared upon a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Niehaus are the parents of seven children, four sons and three daughters: Rosa, born February 29, 1892; Alfred, born in 1894; Walter, 1897; Clara, 1899; Frederick, 1903; Estella, 1906, and Francis, 1908.

Politically Mr. Niehaus is identified with the democratic party. He is a consistent member of the Catholic church, with which he has been connected from his early boyhood. Active and energetic in whatever he un-

dertakes, Mr. Niehaus never shirks responsibility and always conscientiously attempts to perform his duty. As a result he is in comfortable circumstances, the head of an interesting and intelligent family, and in the enjoyment of all that makes life most desirable. Of all these blessings, he is deserving, having led an upright life, and as opportunity presented, having assisted those with whom he was associated. He has never sought to advance himself in such a way as to injure others, and therefore he has gained and retained the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen.

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### CHARLES O'DONNELL.

Sixteen years ago the subject of this review was called from earthly scenes but his memory is still cherished by those who were associated with him in life and the monument thus erected in loving hearts is of more value than many monuments of bronze or marble. It was his kindly acts and generous nature that endeared Charles O'Donnell to his family and friends. At the same time he was brave, strong and self-reliant and in his battle with the difficulties of the world exhibited those traits most prized, leading to success in anything he undertook.

Mr. O'Donnell was born at Donegal, Ireland, in 1837, and was a son of Patrick and Alice (Donlavy) O'Donnell, also natives of the Emerald isle. Being an ambitious man and, therefore, desiring to improve his condition, Patrick O'Donnell came to America about 1853 and under the protection of the republic he found the opportunity he had longed for. He located on a farm near Bridgeport, Illinois, and there he continued until his death, gaining a reputation as an honest and industrious man.

Charles O'Donnell was reared a farmer boy and was educated in the district schools. After laying aside his books he assisted his father on the farm, where he continued until 1864, when he began upon his own account. He was a farmer and live-stock buyer and for many years engaged very successfully in the retail meat business in Bridgeport, Illinois. By his industry and good management he attained marked success financially and, being a man of genial manners, he made many friends, who sincerely mourned his departure September 24, 1894. Thirty years in business, he always conducted his affairs in the most honorable manner. His promise once given was to him sacred and it was never retracted. He is remembered as an upright citizen, a kind husband and father and a man whose generous instincts prompted him to many acts of benevolence.

On October 17, 1864, Mr. O'Donnell was united in marriage to Miss Mary Monaghan, a daughter of Patrick and Bridget Monaghan, of Brown county, Ohio. Her father was a road contractor and constructed the Miami turnpike from Hamilton to Cincinnati. Fourteen children came to bless the household of Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell. Charles, of Vincennes, married Catherine



THE O'DONNELL FAMILY GROUP.





Osterage, of this city, and is the father of four children—Norbert, Arthur, Charles and Esther. James married Sadie Donnelly and became the father of four children: Cleo, who became the wife of Aaron Harlow and has one child, James F.; James; Lawrence; and Maurice. Thomas, who married Carrie Dillon, has four children—Blanch, Joseph, Philip and Mary. Alice became the wife of Lawrence Mooney and has one child, Mary Elizabeth. Kate became the wife of Harry Milburn. Margaret, now Mrs. Eugene Quinn, is the mother of three children—Pauline, Harry and James A. Mary became the wife of Dr. Downey, of Vincennes. Hugh is a contractor of gravel roads. Bernadette became the wife of William Bets, of Indianapolis. The other members of the family, Patrick, William, Mollie, John P. and Ellen are all deceased.

Mr. O'Donnell was a consistent member of the Catholic church and died in the faith of his fathers. He was never affiliated with secret societies and never aspired to public office, as his attention was devoted to his family and his private business affairs. He was esteemed not only by his associates but by many acquaintances, attracted by his excellent qualities, and of him it may truly be said he was a man of few enemies and many friends.

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### THOMAS HENRY ADAMS.

Thomas Henry Adams, holding a position of marked precedence among the business men and leading citizens of Vincennes, has left and is leaving his impress upon the journalistic, commercial, political, social and moral interests of the city. A native of Ohio, Mr. Adams was born on the 19th of July, 1860, in the little town of Grand Rapids in Paulding county, a son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Wykes) Adams. His paternal grandfather was an English farmer who, however, had been taught the saddler's trade. Josiah Adams early became a member of the Methodist church and entered its ministry. In 1844 he left his native land and sailed from Northamptonshire, England, to the United States to preach the doctrines of Methodism in this country and later joined the central Ohio Methodist conference. Before sailing for the new world he married Elizabeth, a daughter of James Wykes, a squire of Northamptonshire. The death of the Rev. Adams occurred in 1865 at Edgerton, Ohio.

The salary of the Methodist minister at that day was not adequate to provide a competence for the widow, but ambitious for the future of her son she denied herself many comforts that he might have the benefit of instruction in the schools of Elmore, Ohio, and in Wesleyan University. At length, however, the funds provided for his education became exhausted and he was obliged to put aside his text-books and provide for his own support. He secured a position in a factory and afterward learned the printer's trade. He was but sixteen years of age when he began the publication of a small weekly

at Edwardsport, Indiana, known as the Edwardsport Journal. Later he published the Edwardsport Record and then, removing to Lancaster, Ohio, became the editor and publisher of the Lancaster Free Press and Republican. Although very young when he entered upon his journalistic career he met with success from the beginning and, seeking a still broader field, in 1881 he purchased the Vincennes Commercial and has since been closely identified with the newspaper interests of this city. He soon changed the Commercial from a weekly to a daily paper with weekly and Sunday editions. A contemporary biographer has said of him: "His energy, aggressiveness and able management in a short time made the Commercial a strong and influential paper, and for years it has stood as one of the model newspaper properties of the state. With good judgment and rare discernment he has invested advantageously in several mercantile, manufacturing and mining enterprises, and today may count success as fairly won." He is the owner of the business conducted under the name of the Cushman Drug Company of Vincennes; is president of the City Electric Light Company of Vincennes; is president of the Loogootee Light & Fuel Company, of Loogootee, Indiana; is president of the Afterthought Copper Company of St. Louis, Missouri, and Reading, California; and president of the American Maize Oil Refining Company of Indiana.

His activities have never been confined entirely to newspaper publication, for in other fields he has labored in support of principles and measures in which he believes, and personally and also through the columns of his paper he has done much to support progressive public measures and to promote republican interests in Knox county. He is an inflexible champion of the principles of the republican party and for a considerable period has served on the Knox county committees. He was also a member of the state central committee from 1888 until 1890 and in 1896 entered upon a two years' service as a member of the state advisory committee. He has usually led the Knox county delegations in the state conventions of the second district. While he is not without that ambition which is an incentive for faithful service in public office, he has regarded the pursuits of private life as in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts and never once has he swerved from his resolution not to accept political preferment. In 1897 he was appointed postmaster of Vincennes by President McKinley and continued to fill the office through reappointment by President Roosevelt for eight years, or until 1905. In 1900 he was alternate delegate at large from the state of Indiana to the Philadelphia national convention. He is a man of marked influence in republican circles in Indiana, his opinions ever carrying weight in its local councils.

On the 23d of October, 1879, Mr. Adams was married in Bruceville, Indiana, to Miss Irene Willis, a daughter of John T. and Mary Willis, the former a merchant and at one time postmaster of Bruceville. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have a son and daughter: Chester W., who married Helen Hill,

of Vincennes; and Eidola Irene, the wife of E. M. Cassell, also of this city.

Mr. Adams holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee, and he also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Masonic lodge and other fraternities, and to the Pastime Club. In matters of state and national as well as local importance, he keeps abreast with the thinking men of the age and the desire for continuous advancement and improvement causes him to be found with the progressive element in any movement with which he is allied or which he deems of vital significance to the community or the country at large.

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#### HERMAN F. PIEL.

Herman F. Piel has long been connected with the police service of Vincennes, and at the present time is serving as police commissioner and as president of the police board. He is also conducting profitable business interests, being half owner of the Union elevator and also a dealer in coal, feed and kindling at the corner of Eleventh and DuBois streets. Vincennes numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred on the 6th of January, 1874. His parents were John H. and Anna (Fraumann) Piel. The father was long a carpenter and contractor of this city. He was a native of Osnabruck, Germany, and was only seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to the United States. The family home was established in Wayne county, Indiana, where he acquired his education in the public schools. He later learned the carpenter's trade in Richmond, and in 1865 removed to Vincennes. Here he took up the work of contracting and for a long period ranked with the prominent representatives of that business in this city, erecting a large number of the important buildings here. He was the master builder of the Vincennes University, and also erected the opera house, the county building on the poorfarm and school-house No. 2. He was also a sub-contractor on the courthouse. He ranked with the most capable, progressive and prominent builders of Vincennes and in business circles bore an unassailable reputation for reliability and trustworthiness. He passed away on the 9th of August, 1887, but is still survived by his widow, who yet lives at the old home at No. 119 North Tenth street, and is yet enjoying good health.

Herman F. Piel, who was one of a family of eleven children, pursued his education in the public schools of Vincennes, and in Evansville took a business course. He was fifteen years of age when he entered the wholesale grocery house of E. Bierhaus & Sons, and that he was faithful and diligent is indicated in the fact that he remained there for seven years. At the end of that time he was appointed deputy sheriff. After the inauguration of the Spanish-American war he put aside all business and personal

considerations and offered his aid to the government, becoming a member of Company L, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, of which he was a non-commissioned officer. After the war he returned to Vincennes and was made a member of the police force, on which he served for two years. He was then appointed deputy sheriff again and afterward became a bookkeeper for J. & S. Emison. About five years ago he joined with Mr. Summers in purchasing the Union elevator and the coal and feed business in which he is now engaged. In the conduct of this enterprise he has been very successful, and large sales have rewarded his close application, industry and careful management.

On the 7th of July, 1904, Mr. Piel was married to Miss Mary Louise Hinds and their children are Mary Louise and Martha Piel. In his fraternal relations Mr. Piel is a Mason, is also connected with the Royal Arcanum, and is a member of the Spanish War Veterans. His appreciation of the social amenities of life makes him a popular member of these organizations, while his alert, enterprising spirit has constituted him a forceful factor in the business circles of Knox county.

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### JOHN HOFFMAN.

Twenty-nine years ago John Hoffman, whose name appears at the head of this review, began in the grocery business in Vincennes. He started on a small scale but he attended diligently to his business, making friends and building up a reputation for integrity and square dealing, and today he owns one of the finest grocery establishments in the city and is recognized as one of its responsible and progressive business men. This he has accomplished mainly through a laudable ambition, backed by good judgment and a fair share of persistence, which yielded not to temporary discouragements.

Mr. Hoffman was born in Lake county, Indiana, September 25, 1859, and is a son of Jacob and Magdalena (Osweiler) Hoffman, both natives of Germany, the former born October 25, 1816, and the latter August 18, 1818. Mr. Hoffman, Sr., desirous of improving his condition, emigrated to this country and settled in Lake county, this state, in 1844. He departed this life April 19, 1893, and his beloved companion was called away August 20, 1905. They were the parents of thirteen children, ten sons and three daughters, seven of whom are now living.

John Hoffman was educated in the common schools of Lake county and was reared upon a farm, continuing there and assisting in the support of the family until 1881. Coming to Vincennes, he became identified with the grocery business and in 1882 began on his own account in his present location at Second and Perry streets. He started on a small scale, but he is now known as one of the most successful men in his line of business in the city.

On August 22, 1882, Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Marchino, who was born in Knox county, April 30, 1862. She is a daughter of Peter and Mary (Meyer) Marchino. The father, a native of Algiers, was born February 28, 1833, and the mother was born December 26, 1833. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are the parents of seven children, of whom William P., who was born June 16, 1883, is the eldest. In 1906 he was married to Mae Dorn, of Knox county, and they had two children: Georgia Mae, born December 19, 1906; and Helen Frances, June 9, 1909. The other children of the family are: Frank M., born April 4, 1886; Maurice A., January 14, 1889; Elmer J., July 24, 1891; Herman Louis, January 28, 1896; Clarence V., September 28, 1909; and John H., October 3, 1903.

Mr. Hoffman accepts the principles of the democratic party as those best adapted for a free government. He is a zealous member of the Catholic church and its affiliated organizations and is president of the local lodge of the Catholic Knights of America. Socially he holds membership in the Knights of Columbus, the Royal Arcanum, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Pastime Club. As the head of a large family he has set an example creditable to himself and those with whom he is associated and it need hardly be added that he enjoys in a very high degree the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

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### HERMAN BROKHAGE.

In a history of business progress in Vincennes mention must necessarily be made of Herman Brokhage else the record would be incomplete, for through forty-four years he has been connected with mercantile and other business interests here. What he has accomplished represents the fitting utilization of his innate powers and talents, yet many a man with equal opportunities at the outset of his career has failed. Mr. Brokhage is possessed of that determination whereby he has kept resolutely at the task to which he has assigned himself. Never employing methods that would not bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, he has, nevertheless, worked his way upward, his name long since becoming an honored one in commercial and financial circles.

A native of the grand duchy of Oldenburg, Germany, Mr. Brokhage was born August 2d, 1845, a son of Henry and Bernardina (Huslage) Brokhage, both of whom spent their entire lives in the fatherland. Herman Brokhage pursued his education in the schools of his native country and there learned the baker's trade. He had just attained his majority when he came to Vincennes, arriving in this city on the 1st of September, 1866. He made his way to the home of his uncle, Theodore Huslage, who was then conducting a dry-goods business in one room upon the present site of

the extensive mercantile enterprise now owned and conducted by Mr. Brokhage. The latter remained in his uncle's employ for nine months, after which he secured employment at the baker's trade, spending nine months in the service of the firm of Bobbinette & Chappard. He next entered the employ of J. B. La Plante & Brother, who were the proprietors of the largest general mercantile store in Vincennes. After some time spent in that establishment as a clerk Mr. Brokhage again began working at the baker's trade and purchased the interest of his former employer, Mr. Bobbinette, becoming the partner of Mr. Chappard under the firm style of Brokhage & Chappard. During his entire residence in Vincennes, covering a period of forty-four years, he has been in only three places as an employe or as a member of the firm. After a short partnership connection with Mr. Chappard he sold out and returned to La Plante & Brother, remaining with that firm for thirteen years. He again entered the employ of his uncle, Mr. Huslage, for whom he clerked until his uncle's death in 1889, after which Mr. Brokhage bought the stock and continued the business.

The enterprising methods which he employed soon wrought a change in the appearance of the place and in the volume of trade. The one room became too small and in 1899 he purchased the adjoining property. He has enlarged and modernized his store until he now has a splendid up-to-date mercantile establishment, handling dry goods, clothing, etc. His patronage is constantly increasing in extent and importance and in 1900 he admitted his two sons, John T. and Louis A., to a partnership under the firm style of H. Brokhage & Sons; John T. taking charge of the clothing department and Louis A. of the dry-goods department, while the father gives active supervision to the whole. The methods which he instituted were resultant and productive. He studied the demands of the public in the line of his trade and sought by honorable dealing and reasonable prices to secure a good patronage. In this he was successful and is today at the head of one of the largest establishments of this character in Vincennes. He has always been an active man of resourceful business ability nor has he confined his efforts to one line alone; on the contrary he has become connected with many enterprises which have constituted factors in the material development and substantial progress of the city. He is president of the Peoples Building & Loan Association, is president of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, vice president of the Board of Trade, a director and vice president of the National Rolling Mills Company, a director of the Citizens Trust Company and a director of the Murphy Distilling Company. He is also largely interested in real estate and owns considerable property. He has built a number of houses in the city and has done much to improve and develop the southern portion of Vincennes. He also owns some farm property and is one of the largest tax payers in this city.

In 1875 Mr. Brokhage was united in marriage to Miss Clara Delfman, a native of Germany, their marriage, however, being celebrated in Vin-

cennes. Their two sons, John T. and Louis A., are their father's partners in business. The former was married October 29, 1902, to Lillian May O'Connor and has one son, Paul H., born on the 3d of March, 1907. Louis A. was married to Jessie Sertel, November 24, 1910, which was Thanksgiving day, and his parents were also married on Thanksgiving day thirty-five years before.

Mr. Brokhage is an influential member of St. John's Roman Catholic church and his fraternal relations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a self-made man, honest, reliable, industrious and far-sighted. While he has achieved success, at the same time he has contributed to the city's development and progress and no man is more loyal to the interests of Vincennes. His efforts in its behalf have been far-reaching and effective and, moreover, his record proves that prosperity and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

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### GEORGE BORROWMAN.

Of the many nationalities that have contributed to the permanency and prosperity of American life, none has been more marked than the Scottish. The honesty, sturdiness and tenacity of the Scotch character are proverbial, and the examples which have been presented in this country in numerous instances by Scottish emigrants or their descendants have had an important effect in shaping the American character. This good work is still in progress and it is to be observed in every community where the sons of Scotland or their worthy children are to be found.

George Borrowman, a well known business man of Vincennes and also prominently identified with the city administration, was born in Richland county, Illinois, November 29, 1860. His parents, Thomas and Isabel (Wilson) Borrowman, were both natives of Scotland, the former having been born at Edinburgh in 1824 and the latter at Muttonhole in 1827. The father came to America in 1833, at nine years of age. He located in Knox county, Indiana, April 24, 1867, and was for many years engaged in the grain business. He served for twelve years as trustee of the public schools of Vincennes. He was a republican but was elected to this position by a democratic city council. He departed this life at the age of four score and four years, in November, 1908. In his family were ten children, eight of whom are still living: Agnes, now Mrs. R. A. Hunt, of Richland county, Illinois; Jean, the wife of George W. Fyfield, of Seattle, Washington; John, a resident of Nome, Alaska; Archibald, of San Francisco; Belle, living at the old home place in Vincennes; George, the subject of this review; Katherine, now Mrs. Arthur Battson, of Mobile, Alabama; and Laura Viola, now Mrs. Joseph Grandjean, of Vincennes.



George Borrowman attended the common schools of Knox county and later entered the Vincennes high school, graduating with the class of 1880. Having decided to adopt a business and not a professional career, he became associated with his father in the grain trade and so continued for a period of twelve years, until 1892. He then entered the employ of the McCormick Harvester Company, with which he was identified for several years, showing an energy and ability that led to his being asked to assume a position of larger responsibility as manager of the Champion Machine Company in a territory embracing southern Indiana. After several years he reentered the grain business and was associated with his father until the retirement of the latter in 1906 on account of advancing years. Since 1906 Mr. Borrowman has filled the position of manager of the Citizens Ice & Cold Storage Company. In his various business connections he has shown an aptitude and a zeal which have been attended by a goodly measure of success and has made many friends who recognize in him the characteristics that go to make up the wide-awake and successful business man. An inborn spirit of fairness is one of the qualities which he received from his ancestors—a spirit that is closely allied to honesty and all the practical virtues of public or private life.

For many years Mr. Borrowman has been an adherent of the republican party and four years ago he was elected as a member of the board of public works of Vincennes. In this position he has had an opportunity of applying many of the principles which he found to be most effective in business affairs, and results of permanent benefit to the city have been obtained. Among the reforms which he has been largely instrumental in accomplishing may be named the natural gas franchise, an entire change in the methods of handling and disposing of garbage, the reduction of electric light bills to the city government by ten dollars per light yearly, and other changes, all of which aim to reduce the tax-payers' burdens and add efficiency to the city service. As a public officer Mr. Borrowman has scored a distinct success, his actions in all cases being influenced in no degree by political considerations, as he places honesty and efficiency in municipal affairs much higher than party obligations. This sentiment has during recent years been made a prominent issue by Theodore Roosevelt and it receives the hearty approval of all right-minded citizens.

On September 10, 1884, Mr. Borrowman was united in marriage to Miss May McGinnis, of Washington, Indiana. She is the daughter of Peter and Helen (Hagerty) McGinnis and was born in 1864. They have become the parents of four children: Frank, who is engaged in shell and pearl buying and is living at home; George, Jr., a clerk in the Vincennes postoffice; Robert, who was married to Blanche Galway; and Helen, now a student in the Vincennes high school.

Mr. Borrowman takes an active interest in social and fraternal organizations as is evidenced by his membership in the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Royal Arcanum and the Travelers



Protective Association. As indicated above, he is a man of unusual enterprise and energy, undaunted in the discharge of any duty which he has voluntarily assumed and in all the relations of life attempts to discharge his obligations to the best of his ability according to principles of justice and truth.

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### WILLIAM J. NICHOLSON.

Among the public-spirited and successful business men of Vincennes, who by energy, integrity and good judgment have gained the confidence of the community, may be named William J. Nicholson, junior member of the firm of Emison & Nicholson, dealers in hardware and implements. Mr. Nicholson is a native of Indiana and was born in Knox county on the 14th of October, 1851. He is a son of Simon A. and Jane (Buck) Nicholson, the former born in Knox county in 1826 and the latter in Wythe county, Virginia, in 1832. The father followed farming during his entire life and was a man of high character and good business ability. At the time of the Civil war he was a member of the National Home Guards, but the company was never called into active service, although subject to call of the governor at any time. Mr. Nicholson departed this life in 1892, he and his estimable wife being the parents of a family of six children: William J., the subject of this review; Melinda, who became the wife of Lewis Overbey and the mother of five children; Hamilton T., of Wheatland, Knox county, Indiana, who married Ellen Renner and is the father of two children; A. C., a merchant of Wheatland, who married Jessie Lytton and is the father of six children; Oliver, a commercial traveler, who married Alice Woods and is the father of five children; and Edwin S., who married Effie Hedrick and is the father of three children.

William J. Nicholson received his education in the public and high schools of Vincennes. After leaving the high school he passed examination as a teacher and taught in the district schools for three years. At the end of this time he began to prepare for the practice of medicine by the study of anatomy and physiology, devoting one year to this task, but in the course of his studies he became interested in the drug business and gave up the idea of pursuing a professional career and for six years was identified with a drug store in Wheatland. We next find him in Vincennes in the same line for three years. Having closed out his drug business, he became city editor of the Vincennes Commercial, and was a member of the staff of this paper when its first daily edition was launched. However, he was again attracted to the business world and he purchased a shoe store in Vincennes and at the end of two years acquired another store, consolidating the two into one large establishment and continuing with marked success in the shoe business for a period of sixteen years. He then embarked in

the wholesale business in Indianapolis, but at the end of two years sold out his interest and in January, 1901, again located in Vincennes and within ten days entered the hardware and implement trade under the firm name of Emison & Nicholson, which is one of the leading firms of the kind in this city and has acquired a wide reputation on account of its practical and progressive methods and the high class of goods carried upon its shelves.

In 1886 Mr. Nicholson was united in marriage to Miss Martha Beckes, a daughter of Thomas P. and Margaret Beckes. Two children were born to this union: Raymond B., a graduate of De Pauw University in 1911; and Marguerite, who will graduate from the same university in 1912. Mrs. Nicholson was called from earthly scenes in 1889 and in 1895 Mr. Nicholson was married to Miss Margaret Pearl Henderson, a daughter of John A. and Hannah Henderson. Four children have come to brighten the home: Waldorf Reed, now in attendance at the high school; William J.; Narcissus; and Virginia Elizabeth.

Mr. Nicholson has been for many years an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has assisted very materially in its growth in this city. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party, believing that its principles of protection and centralization of authority are best adapted for the preservation of the republic. Although he has not sought public office he served with general acceptance as postmaster at Wheatland from 1876 to 1881. Socially he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum. He also holds membership in the Pastime Club and the Country Club. He is a man of wide sympathies and benevolent characteristics and at the present time is treasurer of the board of trustees of the Good Samaritan Hospital, president and treasurer of the board of trustees of the Orphans Home, president of the Board of Charities and Corrections and also of the Board of Children's Guardians. In all the positions he has occupied, extending over a wide range and embracing many interests, Mr. Nicholson has displayed a discernment and a capability that has won for him the respect of those with whom he has been associated and today no man stands higher in the esteem of the citizens of Vincennes than the one whose name stands at the head of this review.

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### JOHN B. ZUBER.

John B. Zuber, well known in the business circles of Vincennes, is a native of this city and was born in 1858 and has here passed his entire life. He is of Teutonic ancestry and is a son of John Zuber, who was born on the Rhine, June 27, 1821, and came to America in 1836, locating in Vincennes. He attended the public schools in his native land and also after arriving in this country, beginning his active career as an employe in Pol-

lock's mill and engaging in the transfer business until the beginning of the great Rebellion. Mr. Zuber was of good fighting material and he enlisted in the Fourteenth Indiana Volunteers and went to the front with his regiment, where he participated in many engagements among which was the great battle of Antietam. He was severely wounded and taken to a hospital at Philadelphia, but upon partially recovering returned to his regiment where it was soon found that he could not endure the hardships of the camp and field and he was accordingly honorably discharged from the army. On account of injuries which he received in the service he was granted a pension by the government which he continued to draw until his death, in 1872, and it has since been regularly paid to his widow who before her marriage was Minda Minderman. She was born in Germany in 1833 and came to Vincennes fourteen years later, becoming the wife of Mr. Zuber in 1853. Eight children brightened their home, six of whom are now living: Lizzie, the wife of Samuel Buhner, an engineer; John B., our subject; Theodore; Mary, now Mrs. George Judan, and the mother of one child; Joseph, of East St. Louis, who is married and has five children; and William, also married. Politically Mr. Zuber was allied with the democratic party. He was born in the Catholic church and was a stanch adherent of that faith during his entire life. He was an honest, hard-working man who loved his adopted country and as a soldier was brave and true. He died at the age of fifty-two years, but his esteemed partner is still living, at the advanced age of eighty-seven, and is tenderly cared for by her children.

John B. Zuber, the subject of our review, was a member of a large family and, being obliged to assist in its support, did not possess many advantages of education, although he attended in early life the German Catholic school. He began his active career as a teamster, continuing for five years and then became weighmaster in the Baltic & Broadway Mills. He next entered the pork packing establishment of the Bierhaus Company and being ambitious to advance, he entered the meat business on his account. By industry and good management he has developed the business until at the present time he is the owner of two well established meat markets and a slaughter-house and gives employment to ten men.

In 1878 Mr. Zuber was united in marriage to Miss Elvira Lovell, who was born in Kentucky in 1859. She is the daughter of Thomas Lovell who lost his life on account of the explosion of a steamer in the Mississippi river. Mr. and Mrs. Zuber have no children of their own, but they have reared three children at their home and two children whom they were caring for died while under their kind protection.

Mr. Zuber is to be always found on the firing line in every battle democracy fights against the common enemy. He is an uncompromising political antagonist, yet it has never been charged by his strongest foes that he would be swerved in the least by politics in the performance of an official act. As a public servant he never hesitated to advocate any measure he believed to be to the best interest of the people, though in so doing he knew

he would incur the displeasure of influential men and injure himself in private business affairs. Mr. Zuber was always officially alive to the city's welfare and guarded her business with the same jealous care he would his own, in the purchase of supplies, granting franchises, etc. He is responsible for the splendid and economical system Vincennes has for the collection of garbage, and was largely instrumental in securing natural gas for the city at such low rates and in reducing the cost of public lighting to a minimum figure.

Socially Mr. Zuber is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Tribe of Ben Hur, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Modern Woodmen of America and has many warm friends in those organizations. He is not a member of any religious organization, but is a liberal contributor to all churches and to every worthy cause that aims to assist those less fortunate than himself. Having climbed from the bottom of the financial ladder, he sympathizes with those who are striving upward and no citizen of Vincennes is more ready to extend a hand of encouragement. He and his beloved wife have many admirers who esteem them for their generous and humane acts—virtues which grow brighter with the passage of years and are to their fortunate possessors a blessing beyond price.

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#### JOHN F. MAIL.

John F. Mail, a leading liveryman of Vincennes and also identified with the farming interests of Knox county, was born in this county in 1860. He is a son of John and Margaret (Holmes) Mail, both of whom were born in Knox county in 1827 and are now deceased. The father was a farmer by occupation. There were six children in the family: Louise, now deceased, who was the wife of B. F. Crews and the mother of two children; Isaac, who married Martha Reel and has one son; William, who married Hattie Brown and has three daughters; John F., our subject; Julia, deceased; and Elizabeth, now Mrs. Horace Beckes and the mother of three children.

John F. Mail was educated in the public schools of Johnson township and under his father became thoroughly familiar with the operations of the farm, continuing actively engaged in agriculture and stock-raising until after he had passed his fortieth year. In 1901 he leased his farm and came to Vincennes, where he entered the livery business, in which, by close attention to all details and by careful study of the wants of the public, he has built up an extensive patronage and is at the head of one of the largest and best appointed establishments of the kind in the city. He also maintains a boarding stable, which is liberally patronized. The success of Mr. Mail in a field where there is much competition is due to his careful supervision of every feature pertaining to his business. He spares no time nor expense in

making his outfits first class as to appearance and condition and the service prompt and efficient.

In 1885 Mr. Mail was united in marriage to Miss Anna Johnston, who was born in Knox county in 1862, and is a daughter of W. G. and Nancy (Reel) Johnston. Mr. and Mrs. Mail are the parents of an interesting family of four children: Ethel; Mabel; Frank, who received the appointment from the second congressional district to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis on June, 1910; and Marian. Mabel received a fine education and is a popular teacher in the city schools.

Mr. Mail is allied with the democratic party and is in hearty sympathy with its principles. He finds his religious home in the Presbyterian church, of which he has for many years been a useful member. Socially he is connected with the Royal Arcanum, the Order of Ben Hur and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and has many friends in these fraternal organizations. He has in years past been a hard working man, but he now lives in ease and comfort, which no one begrudges him and his estimable wife. A man of intelligence and strong native ability, Mr. Mail recognizes the benefits of education and has given to his children opportunities of mental training which were not available for the father in his younger years. He is respected by all who know him because of his upright and honorable career.

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#### THOMAS B. COULTER.

Thomas B. Coulter, a highly respected member of the legal fraternity of Vincennes, was born in this city, September 10, 1874, a son of Thomas F. and Ella (Harrison) Coulter, the former of whom was born in Daviess county, Indiana, in 1841, and the latter in Vincennes in the same year. The father was for a number of years connected with the wholesale boot and shoe business in St. Louis, but for the last twenty-five years he has engaged in farming in Johnson township, Knox county, this state. The great-grandfather, Nathaniel Coulter, came to America from Dublin, Ireland, some time in the eighteenth century and assisted the patriots in the war with England. He was wounded in the hand by a bayonet and drew a pension of ninety-six dollars a year from the government. John Coulter, the grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania and came to Knox county in 1853. The great-grandfather on the maternal side was Thomas Harrison, who was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. His son, John H. Harrison, was one of the early Christian preachers of Knox county and a man of great fervor and marked ability. He was drowned near Bloomfield, Indiana, while crossing the White river on his way to fill an appointment. His father was also drowned, meeting his death while on a pleasure trip on board a yacht in the harbor of Baltimore. Three children were born to Thomas F. Coulter and his wife: Grace, now Mrs. John D. Setzer and the mother of four children; John M.; and Thomas B., our subject.

Thomas B. Coulter received his preliminary education in the public schools of Vincennes, continuing through the high school, and having shown a strong inclination for a professional career, he next entered the Indianapolis Law School at Indianapolis, Indiana, graduating from this institution in 1898. At the time of the building of the federal postoffice in Vincennes, Mr. Coulter acted as dispersing agent for the appropriation. He also filled the office of city judge under appointment of the governor, when the office was first created, serving with great acceptance in that capacity until the regular election of an officer to that position. At the time of the Spanish-American war Mr. Coulter entered the service of the government and was with his regiment at Camp Alger and Thoroughfare Gap, Virginia, and Camp Meade, Pennsylvania. An uncle of Mr. Coulter was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting at Washington, Indiana, in the Fifty-sixth Indiana Volunteers. While in the service he was taken with a severe illness which later resulted in his death.

In 1905 Mr. Coulter was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Campbell, who was born in Vincennes in 1878 and is a daughter of Thomas and Lucinda (Matters) Campbell. One child, Ruth, who was born March 3, 1906, has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coulter. Mr. Coulter is affiliated with the republican party and is a strong advocate of its principles. His wife is an active member of the Methodist church and has at all times been to her husband a loving wife and helpful companion, making their home the abiding place of peace and comfort.

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#### EDWARD C. THEOBALD.

Edward C. Theobald, of Vincennes, a contractor in sand and gravel, has gained an honorable place in the estimation of his fellowmen by his efficiency in business and fidelity to every trust. He is a native of Hamilton county, Ohio, and was born in 1867. His father, Charles Theobald, born in Germany in 1838, emigrated to this country in 1847 and became a valiant defender of the stars and stripes, serving in Company B, Seventeenth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war. He was in many of the great battles, among which may be mentioned the engagement at Pea Ridge, Stone River, Chickamauga, Corinth, the siege of Vicksburg and many minor engagements. The mother of our subject, Bernardina Lang, was born in Ohio in 1847 and was the daughter of a contractor. There were five sons in the family: Edward C.; Charles, of Kentucky; Harry, who died leaving a widow and one son, Harry; William and Robert, at home in Ohio.

Edward C. Theobald was educated in the public schools of Ohio and began his business career in Tennessee as assistant in the survey for the Tennessee

& Midland Railroad crossing the Cumberland mountains. After this he engaged in the construction of railways and bridges, operating in the states of Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, northern New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio and Indiana and continuing for quite a number of years. In 1903 he came to Knox county and built twenty-five miles of gravel road in Palmyra township. He is now extensively engaged as a contractor with Aras Anderson in the sand and gravel business and operates a gravel pit five miles west of Vincennes, at Allison Lake.

In 1900 Mr. Theobald was united in marriage in Montgomery county, Iowa, to Miss Mary Carlson, who was born in that state in 1871, a daughter of Jacob and Louisa Carlson. They have one son, Edward C., who was born March 24, 1904.

Mr. Theobald is affiliated with the Lutheran church, of which he is a consistent member, and has been for a number of years identified with the Masonic order, whose principles of brotherhood find in his heart and mind a ready response. Intelligent, active, enterprising and conscientious in all he does, he well deserves the success that has crowned his efforts in the business world.

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#### ARAS ANDERSON.

Among the self-made men of Vincennes may be named Aras Anderson. He began in a humble capacity in an honorable occupation and has discharged his duties and responsibilities in the various positions that he has since filled in such a way as to become an employer and he is now in a large degree practically independent. He attended the common schools in Virginia and going west with his parents, completed his school training in the state of Kansas. After four years' experience in agricultural pursuits he came to the conclusion that the railroad business would be more in accord with his inclination and he began his railroad career at the bottom of the ladder by driving a team. Later he was placed in charge of a freight wagon and by application and diligence, having shown his capability, he was made foreman of a railroad construction gang and for seventeen years was identified with the building of railroads in various states of the south and west. About twenty years ago he became associated with Edward C. Theobald, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and has ever since been connected with that gentleman and was his partner for a number of years in railroad building and also in the construction of gravel roads in Palmyra township, this county.

In 1904 Mr. Anderson with his family located in Vincennes and he and his partner have ever since been operating a sand and gravel bed on Allison Lake, five miles west of Vincennes, where they handle a large number of carloads of gravel and sand each year and give employment to fifteen men.



The large patronage that has been built up is evidence of the good management of the business.

One son, Hugh, has blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson. He was graduated from the Vincennes high school in the class of 1910 and, having shown promising ability for scientific training, he entered Purdue University and is specializing as a civil engineer.

Mr. Anderson has seen a great deal of life and is a man of many experiences, in the course of which he gained valuable lessons that he has practically applied. He has always been active, industrious and efficient in whatever he attempted and he has demonstrated in his own successful career what can be accomplished provided the individual possesses true courage and continues to persevere in any worthy undertaking regardless of obstacles that lie in the way.

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### JOSEPH L. BAYARD.

No man in Vincennes occupies a more honorable position in the estimation of his fellow citizens than Joseph L. Bayard. Born in this city, where his entire career has been an open book, known and read of all men, his spotless character and habits of industry and self-reliance have endeared him to many friends not only in Vincennes but throughout southwestern Indiana, where the name of Bayard is the open sesame to all doors. The family gained an enviable reputation before the subject of this review was born and the principles of truth and justice inculcated by his father have been the important elements in shaping a long life in a community fully alive to the worth of an honorable career. In financial circles Mr. Bayard has long been an acknowledged leader and his advice and assistance have smoothed the path where many obstacles seemed insurmountable. He is one of the most modest and unassuming of men but the weight of established character has made itself felt in many directions where he has never attempted personally to exert any influence. Such is the effect of a simple, unaffected honesty, which has been declared by sound thinkers to be the greatest power for good that is to be found in all the world.

At Vincennes, on the 21st of January, 1840, Mr. Bayard first saw the light of day. His father was John F. Bayard, a native of sunny France and a worthy representative of a people whose many admirable characteristics have made them the admiration of the world. His mother was also of French lineage. She bore the maiden name of Mary A. Boneau, her parents being among the old pioneer families of Knox county. John F. Bayard was a soldier of the French army under the great Napoleon and saw service as an officer in the peninsular campaign when Napoleon was pitted against Wellington and later participated in the fight on the memorable field of Waterloo, when the banner of the great commander went down never again by him to be raised. After





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this disastrous engagement many of the surviving officers relinquished military service and turned their attention to the cultivation of the arts of peace. John F. Bayard had seen enough of the devastation of war and in America he sought to find fortune and establish a home, far beyond the march of armies and the disturbances of military maneuvers. After a short stay in various cities he arrived at Vincennes, then a village near the border line of civilization. This town had been founded by settlers coming by boat up the Wabash river and from the start was a favorite center for the gathering of sons and daughters of France, whose descendants have been among the most patriotic and public-spirited citizens of their adopted republic. Mr. Bayard engaged in the mercantile business and became recognized as a successful and highly respected citizen. He died in 1853 when his son Joseph L. was thirteen years of age. His wife survived her husband for thirty-five years, departing this life in 1888, sincerely mourned by many friends on account of her sterling qualities. The remains of the brave Napoleonic officer and his faithful wife lie side by side in the cemetery at Vincennes.

Joseph L. Bayard received his preliminary education in the parochial and public schools of Vincennes and later attended Bardstown College, Kentucky, a well known institution in earlier days. In 1858, when eighteen years of age, he entered the Vincennes branch of the Bank of the State of Indiana as a clerk and with the exception of a few years has ever since been actively connected with the banking business. Few men of affairs in the state have witnessed greater changes and few have been more devoted to their business. After five years in the bank, Mr. Bayard turned his attention to merchandising. In 1869 he became one of the organizers of a private bank conducted under the name of the German Banking Company, of which he was cashier. The business developing, in 1871 the German Banking Company took out a charter from the government and became the First National Bank. Mr. Bayard has been continuously identified with the institution from its incipency, as cashier until 1889, since which time he has been its president. The first president of the bank was the late J. H. Rabb, a man of high standing and one who gained and held the confidence of the people. The bank represents in an important degree the life work of Mr. Bayard and is a monument to his business sagacity and his rare ability in the circles of finance. He has always devoted his best thought to its advancement and no labors have appeared too heavy when the interests of the institution or its depositors were at stake. His example has been by many younger men regarded as a standard to which they should aspire. His interest in the growth of the city and country has been unabated and he has shown it in a practical way. He was one of the originators of the Citizens Gas Company and for some years its president. He has been treasurer of the Board of Trade since its organization and trustee of many concerns aiming to develop the commercial welfare of the city. While he has always

avoided active participation in politics, he has turned his energies along lines that contribute toward the upbuilding of the city.

Mr. Bayard was married on the 21st of August, 1871, to Miss Nellie Burke, a native of Marietta, Ohio. Six children blessed this union, five of whom are now living. Margaret is at home. All of the sons are in the banking business. Joseph L., Jr., and John are connected with the First National Bank of which their father is president. Maurice F. is assistant cashier of the Commonwealth Trust Company of St. Louis. Paul W. is cashier of the First National Bank of Lawrenceburg, Illinois. Samuel M., who died in 1901, at the age of twenty-two years, was teller in the Bankers National Bank of Chicago. This record is not equalled by any other family in the state and is additional evidence of the beneficent effect of a worthy example in the head of the family, for nothing in all the world so appeals to the hearts and minds of old or young as an upright life.

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#### F. W. QUANTZ.

If those who claim that fortune has favored certain individuals above others will but investigate the cause of success and failure, it will be found that the former is largely due to the improvement of opportunity, the latter to the neglect of it. Fortunate environments encompass nearly every man at some step of his career, but the strong man and the successful man is he who realizes that the proper moment has come, that the present and not the future holds his opportunity. The man who makes use of the advantages that arise may perhaps pass others who started out ahead of him. It is this quality in Mr. Quantz that has gained him an enviable position in the business world and brought him to his present prominent place in the business circles of Vincennes, where he is now general manager of the Empire Paper Company.

A native of Winchester, Virginia, Mr. Quantz was born on the 11th of September, 1855, of the marriage of Henry and Leonora L. (Specht) Quantz, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father's death was the result of a railroad accident when he was sixty-six years of age. The mother survived him until 1908, and reached the advanced age of ninety-two years.

In the private schools of his native city F. W. Quantz acquired his education, and then turned his attention to the business of manufacturing paper in the mill of Winchester. He afterward went to New York city, and that he had developed his powers and ability in this direction was indicated in the fact that he was given charge of a plant in the eastern metropolis. He afterward occupied a position of responsibility in a paper manufactory at Tiffin, Ohio, and for thirteen years he had charge of the manufacturing plant of the American Straw Board Company on the eastern shore of Maryland. In 1904

the Empire Paper Company was organized; a plant was built at Vincennes and operations were begun. In 1906 Mr. Quantz came to this city as general manager and has since remained in charge. The plant is a very extensive one, equipped with the latest improved machinery for paper manufacture and many improvements have been introduced under the regime of Mr. Quantz, whose experience well qualifies him for the onerous duties that devolved upon him in this connection. He is now managing the business, which under his control has grown in volume and importance, and constitutes one of the leading manufacturing interests of Vincennes, Indiana:

In 1888 Mr. Quantz was married to Miss Rosabel Schryock, a native of Virginia, and to them have been born two children: Fred P., and Carrie L. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested. While preeminently a successful business man, Mr. Quantz is well read on various subjects, having long been a close and discriminating student of history and current events. He is thoroughly independent in thought and not afraid to express his honest opinions. He is never bitterly aggressive however, but, because of his clearly defined ideas, is able to support his position by intelligent and often convincing argument. High purpose has stimulated him in all of his business career, and his record is another proof of the fact that success is ambition's answer.

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### WILLIAM H. DYER.

William H. Dyer, a well known and successful business man of Vincennes, who is recognized as one of its most capable and energetic captains of industry, is a native of Ohio, born in the town of Hamilton, north of Cincinnati, in 1853. He comes of good fighting stock, Grandfather Dyer having valiantly defended the cause of the colonists at the time of the Revolution, also wearing a uniform as a soldier of his country in the war of 1812. The father, Elbridge Gerry Dyer, was born in Saco county, Maine, in 1815, and had passed the age for active service at the time of the Civil war, but he was a patriotic citizen and provided for numerous families whose heads he had influenced to enlist under the stars and stripes. He engaged in the manufacture of machinery and his plant at Hamilton was one of the largest and best equipped of the kind in the country during the time he was in charge. The mother of our subject was before her marriage Margaret Terrer and was born in Wales in 1824. There were eight children in the family, five of whom are now surviving: William H.; Abbie, the wife of Dr. E. T. Allen, of Chicago, and the mother of three children; Albion M., curator of the Cleveland public library, who married Ella Dunham and is the father of four children; Mabel, the wife of George A. Stickney, of Boston, and the mother of two children; and Margaret, the wife of D. R. Byard, of Hamilton, Ohio, and the mother of one daughter.

The subject of this review grew up in the Buckeye state and received his education in the public schools of Hamilton, Ohio, and at Denison University of Granville, Ohio. After leaving the university, Mr. Dyer entered the shop of his father and there became thoroughly acquainted with the machinist's trade, continuing for about fifteen years and passing through various departments during that time. He then became identified with a canning factory at Hamilton, with which he was also connected for fifteen years. Having gained a practical knowledge of the details of the canning industry and also of the markets and demands in various parts of the country and of the world, he decided to embark in business for himself. In 1907, having selected Vincennes as his headquarters, he leased a canning plant in this city, which he later purchased, and the business is now conducted under the title of the Dyer Packing Company and has attained a wide reputation. Seventy persons are employed at the plant and its capacity is twenty-five thousand cans daily all the year round, the operations being confined exclusively to pork and beans and catsup. The products of this factory find a ready market in the United States and foreign countries and the plant over which Mr. Dyer presides is one of the most completely appointed institutions of the kind to be seen anywhere. The visitor may here note the operation of many features which are the direct result of Mr. Dyer's intimate knowledge of mechanics and his experience in the packing business. By his energy and progressiveness he has added to the material wealth of the city and made it indeed a more pleasing place of abode.

In 1900 Mr. Dyer was united in marriage to Mrs. Isabella Parish, nee Bannerman, a native of Bradford, Canada, born in 1863. An adopted daughter, Ruth, now nine years of age, is one of the pleasing members of the household.

Mr. Dyer is essentially a man of business, but he has devoted some attention to politics and as a result is an insurgent, believing that the independent voter is the hope of the country. He is a valued member of the Presbyterian church and in his various duties and responsibilities has shown a fidelity and clear judgment which have been distinguishing characteristics of his entire life. He is a man whose cooperation may always be depended upon in any undertaking that aims to promote the general welfare and he is esteemed as a progressive and substantial force in the upbuilding of Vincennes.

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### JOHN H. PIEL.

The name of Piel has long been a familiar one in Vincennes and this part of the state and John H. Piel, whose name introduces this review, was long classed with the representatives and worthy citizens. He was born in Osna-bruck, Germany, in 1837 and was only seven years of age when he left that country and came to America with his parents, John Frederick and Mary

(Kemper) Piel. Another branch of the family was established in Baltimore, Maryland, by a brother of John Frederick Piel and his descendants are still living in or near that city and are very prominent in the public life of the community. The family of John Frederick Piel settled in Wayne county, Indiana.

John H. Piel was reared in Wayne county and the public schools of that locality provided him his educational privileges. After he had put aside his text-books he went to Richmond, where he learned the carpenter's trade, becoming an expert workman in that line. The year 1865 witnessed his removal to Vincennes and not long afterward he began contracting, winning for himself a prominent position among the builders and contractors of this city. His ability and trustworthiness were such that his patronage made continuous demand upon his time and energies. He was one of the sub-contractors on the courthouse and under personal contract erected many of the large buildings in Vincennes, including the Vincennes University, the opera house, the county building on the poor farm and schoolhouse No. 2. As he started out in life a poor man he was likewise the architect and builder of his own fortunes and in time came to be ranked with the well-to-do residents of this city.

John H. Piel was united in marriage to Miss Anna Fraumann and they became the parents of eleven children: Anna, deceased; Ellen; John, who has also passed away; Henry, who married Nora Wahl and has two children, Dorothy and Elizabeth; Herman; George, of whom mention is made below; and Louise, Edward, Dorothy, Mary and Caroline, all of whom are now deceased.

The family have long been prominent in the German Evangelical church and have taken an active and helpful part in all church affairs. The father held membership in that denomination and did everything in his power to promote its success, contributing generously of his means to its support and doing all in his power to further the various branches of church work. He likewise had thorough sympathy with the purposes and principles of the Royal Arcanum and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to both of which societies he belonged. He was a man of upright purpose and sterling worth who commanded the good will and confidence of all who knew him, and when he passed away on the 9th of August, 1887, his death was deeply regretted not only by his immediate family but also by many friends. His widow yet lives at the old home at No. 119 North Tenth street and is still enjoying good health.

George B. Piel, the sixth member in the family of John H. Piel, was born in Vincennes on the 31st of December, 1875, on the location of his present home, and at the usual age was sent to the public schools, wherein he continued his studies through successive grades until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1894. After entering business life he was connected with the Daily Sun for a time and later was engaged in the insurance business. Subsequently he became chief clerk for a coal company

and this gave him his understanding of the trade and brought to him knowledge and experience well qualifying him for the successful conduct of the business which he now follows. In 1905 the firm by which he was employed sold out and Mr. Piel at that time purchased the business of the Harrisburg Coal Company. While he still retains the use of the old firm name, he is sole proprietor of the business, which is conducted on both wholesale and retail lines, with a large yard at the corner of Locust and Sixth streets. In the management of this enterprise he displays excellent business ability, unfaltering purpose and laudable ambition and has built up a trade of large proportions. Fraternally he is well known and popular as a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Foresters and his religious faith finds expression in his membership in the Presbyterian church.

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### JACOB S. SPIKER.

Jacob S. Spiker, a leading civil engineer of western Indiana and for twenty-seven years actively identified with Vincennes and Knox county, is a native of Illinois, born in Clay county, June 5, 1861, and is a son of John and Jane (Colclasure) Spiker. The father, who was born in Ohio in 1832, was a farmer and stockman and departed this life in 1890. The mother is a native of Clay county and has four children: Adda, who became the wife of A. D. Lancaster, now deceased, and is living at Painesville, Ohio; Jacob S., our subject; a daughter who died in infancy; and John G., of Oklahoma.

The subject of this review received his preliminary education in the common schools of Clay county, Illinois, after which he taught school for two years and then came to Vincennes, entering Vincennes University, from which he was graduated in 1887. After leaving the university he resumed teaching but at the end of one year was elected county surveyor of Knox county and filled the office for three years, resigning in order to have an opportunity for further study of the profession to which he had decided to devote his life. He accordingly entered Purdue University at La Fayette, Indiana, as a student, taking a special course in civil engineering. Since leaving the university he has made his home in Vincennes and gives his attention with increasing effectiveness to his profession. He was a pioneer in ditch work for drainage in Knox county and has been connected with ditch and levee work in Sullivan, Lawrence, Gibson and Posey counties, serving for three years as civil engineer of Mount Carmel, during which time he inaugurated brick street paving and designed a storm and sanitary system of sewerage for the town. He was also for one year city engineer of Flora, Illinois, which is his native town, designing a system of waterworks and street paving and a storm and sanitary sewerage system. He is at present city engineer of Bridgeport, Illinois, and has prepared plans and specifica-



tions for brick pavements, storm and sanitary sewers now under process of construction. He is city engineer of Oaktown, Knox county, where he has established street and sidewalk grades. During the last twelve years he has been bridge engineer for Knox county and in this capacity designed a bridge across the White river near Edwardsport. He is consulting engineer for the Gills Praire levee district of Sullivan county, Indiana, and has charge of plans and specifications of the William H. Brevoort levee in Knox county and all other levees along the Wabash and White rivers, making a total of about forty miles of levee construction in Knox county and about eighty miles in other counties of the state. In addition to these responsibilities, he has in charge many drainage propositions in Illinois and Missouri and has acquired an enviable reputation on account of his capability and good judgment.

In 1891 Mr. Spiker was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hollingsworth, of Bruceville, Knox county, who was born September 12, 1867. Her father, Thomas Hollingsworth, was a stationary engineer of this county. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Spiker; Noble, born December 24, 1892, a graduate of Vincennes University and now a student of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York; and a daughter who died in infancy.

Mr. Spiker since attaining his majority has been identified with the democratic party and served as councilman from 1898 to 1902. His wife and son are affiliated with the Methodist church. His success in his profession has been due to a thorough study of each problem as it has arisen, the application of correct principles and the conscientious discharge of his responsibilities. He has been a hard worker and is recognized by members of his profession as one of the best informed engineers in the middle west, his operations having taken a wide range, but as he acquired a good foundation for his profession under competent instruction, he has possessed very excellent advantages. The work he has already accomplished is an enduring monument to his ability as an engineer. As a result of his highly successful record and his interest in the public welfare it may be stated without exaggeration that he possesses in an unusual degree the confidence, good-will and esteem of all classes of people in Vincennes and Knox county.

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### JOSEPH J. RISCH.

The name of Joseph J. Risch has come to stand in the business circles of Vincennes as a synonym for progressiveness and enterprise in connection with general merchandising. The attainment of success but indicates the possibilities for future advancement, and throughout his business career Mr. Risch has never regarded any position as final, but rather as the starting point for further accomplishment. He has always lived in the middle west and his life is typical of the spirit of advancement which characterizes this

section of the country. He was born in Westport, Lawrence county, Indiana, in 1873, and is the son of Sebastian and Anne Helen Risch. The father was a native of Germany and acquired his education in the schools of that country, coming as a young man to the new world. He became a factor in the commercial circles of Vincennes, where for many years he was known and honored as a leading and prosperous merchant. He died in the year 1903; and his wife passed away in 1902.

Joseph J. Risch accompanied his parents on their removal to Vincennes when a small boy, and in the schools of this city pursued his education, while his business training was received under the direction of his father in the old Risch store at the corner of Tenth and Main streets. He is now located at No. 927 North Seventh street, where he has erected a three story brick building all of which is occupied by the stock which makes his one of the best stores in the city. Seeing the opportunity for the extension of trade into other sections, he established a store on Swartzel street to meet the north end trade, and another branch at the corner of McKinley and Fairground avenue. These stores are well stocked with a large line of general merchandise and groceries. In all of his business life Mr. Risch has maintained high standards in the personnel of his stores, in the line of goods carried and in the methods of trade. He demands courtesy on the part of his employes toward the patrons, and above all absolute integrity in business methods. He recognizes that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement, and he holds his trade by carrying attractive and thoroughly modern lines of goods.

In 1900 Mr. Risch was married to Miss Lorina Deusterberg, and they have five children: Marie, Raymond and Sebastian who are in school; and Cletus and Walter at home.

The name of Joseph J. Risch is on the membership rolls of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of Hammond Club and of the Chippecoke Boat Club—associations which indicate much of the nature of his relaxation. He is a man of genial disposition, whose social qualities render him popular, and he enjoys the companionship of his friends. However, he is preeminently a business man, and his commercial relations make heavy demand upon his time and attention because of the continued growth of his commercial interests.

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### GEORGE R. THURGOOD.

George R. Thurgood carved his name deeply upon the business records of Vincennes, where for almost forty years he was prominently identified with milling interests as proprietor of the Vigo Mill. For four decades he bore an unsullied reputation for business integrity and a spirit of enterprise and progress characterized his work at all times. His is the record of a con-

scientious man who by his upright life won the confidence and good-will of all, so that his memory is cherished and revered by many who knew him.

His life record spanned the period between the 2d of December, 1834, and the year 1902. On the former date he first opened his eyes to the light of day, his birth occurring in Ohio, where his parents, Isaac and Catharine (Norris) Thurgood, had settled on coming from England. They were natives of that country and while in England Isaac Thurgood learned and followed the miller's trade. From time to time reports reached him concerning the advantages to be enjoyed in the new world and, thinking to provide a better living for his family on this side the Atlantic, he severed home ties and started for the United States, making the journey across the briny deep in one of the old-time sailing vessels. He was accompanied by his wife and children and established a home for them in Ohio, whence he afterward made his way to Vincennes.

George R. Thurgood spent the entire period of his minority in Ohio, was indebted to the public school system of that state for the educational privileges he enjoyed and continued his residence there until he reached the age of twenty-three years, coming to Vincennes about 1857. He was employed by others for a time and then embarked in business on his own account, joining with his brother in the purchase of the old Cook mills, while later he became sole proprietor by purchasing his brother's interest. This was about 1863. His enterprise was known as the Vigo Mill and was devoted to the manufacture of flour and corn meal. The business is still carried on and is one of the oldest enterprises of the city. For about four decades George R. Thurgood remained at its head and during that period introduced many changes and improvements which were manifest in the quality of the output of the mills.

On the 14th of January, 1858, Mr. Thurgood was married at Mount Carmel, Illinois, to Miss Mary Roberts, a daughter of William F. and Rachel Ann (Copeland) Roberts and a representative of a very old family of Mount Carmel. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thurgood were born the following children: William, George V., Clyde and Salina, all of whom are deceased; Mary, who is the wife of S. D. Knaub and has two children, Maurice and Mary Frances; Catherine, who is the wife of Clifford Bartholomai and the mother of three children—Ruth, Carl and Edith; Charles R., a mill proprietor, who is married and has five children; Harry, at home; Bentley, who wedded Miss Lulu Norman, by whom he has two children, Dorothy and Pauline; Clarence, who married Miss Ollie Becker and has one child, Keturia; and Grace, Elizabeth, Mabel and Irene, all at home.

The family has long been prominent in the Methodist Episcopal church of Vincennes, of which Mr. Thurgood was for many years a devoted and consistent member, exemplifying in his life its principles and teachings. He also belonged to Mount Carmel Lodge, I. O. O. F. He had been a resident of Vincennes for forty-five years when he was called to his final rest and throughout that period had been classed with the prominent and influential

business men of the city. His many substantial qualities had gained him high esteem and warm friendship and his demise was widely and deeply mourned. His stern integrity and honesty of principle led him to despise all unworthy or questionable means to secure success in any undertaking or for any purpose or to promote his own advancement in any direction.

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### HUBERT DONALD McCORMICK, M. D.

The medical fraternity of Vincennes and Knox county can truly claim many conscientious and able physicians well prepared for their responsible vocation and applying themselves with a zeal that is worthy of the greatest praise. They recognize their responsibilities and bring to bear every aid that modern science has made known for the alleviation of the ills of humanity. Among the number of efficient physicians now practicing in Vincennes is the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this review. Although he has been a resident of this city only a little more than a year he has made a highly favorable impression and is apparently well started upon a lucrative and growing practice.

Dr. McCormick is a native of Knox county. He was born on a farm in Johnson township February 23, 1883, and is a son of John McCormick, also a native of Knox county, born in 1844. He was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, serving for six months, and was honorably mustered out in 1864. The family is one of the pioneer families of this county and the name has been a familiar one throughout this region for nearly one hundred years. The mother of our subject, Sarah Smithmeyer, was born in Wayne county, Indiana, in 1850. Nine children of John and Sarah McCormick are now living: John E., who married Minnie Rhodarmel and has six children; Annie E., at home; Margaret, now Mrs. E. B. Price, and the mother of two children; Pearl, the wife of J. L. Trueblood, and the mother of three children; Hubert Donald, of this review; Jasper and Shuler, twins, the former of whom married Mina Johnson and is the father of one child, while the latter married Edythe Pinkstaff and is the father of one son, Charles Donald; Blanche, the wife of Maurice Stangle and the mother of one child; and Phyllis, at home.

The subject of this review received his preliminary education in the public schools and, having decided upon a professional career, became a student at Vincennes University. After leaving this institution he entered the medical department of the Indiana University at Indianapolis and was graduated in 1908 with the degree of M. D. Having stood high in his class he was given the advantages of internship in the state college hospital and dispensary, which is a highly important accessory in the education of the physician. He also filled the position of house surgeon in the Wabash Rail-

road Hospital at Peru, Indiana, where he gained a great deal of practical knowledge which could not be learned from books.

In 1909 he came to Vincennes and opened a suite of offices at No. 217, Busseron street, where he has since continued. He keeps thoroughly informed concerning the latest methods and discoveries in his profession, both in this country and in Europe, being a close reader of the best medical magazines and reviews. He is actively connected with various medical organizations, holding membership in the American Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Society, the Knox County Medical Society, and the Sydenham Society, the latter being a local medical organization. Socially he is affiliated with the Phi Rho Sigma fraternity and the Modern Woodmen of America. From the beginning of his career Dr. McCormick has shown a judgment and discrimination that are highly creditable to the young practitioner, and as he possesses those qualities of character that attract friends, he is recognized as a prime favorite in both professional and social circles.

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### H. T. PHILLIPPE.

Among the practitioners of the schools of osteopathy who have gained an honorable reputation in Knox county, on account of their success in a noble calling, is Dr. H. T. Phillippe, of Vincennes. He is a native son of Indiana and was born in Knox county in 1879. The father, Martin J. Phillippe, was a farmer and came to Knox county in the early days and settled upon a farm in Washington township. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in Company H, Fifty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was twice wounded but each time recovered and returned to his regiment, continuing until the end of the war, when he received his honorable discharge—now one of the cherished heirlooms of the family. Mrs. Phillippe was a native of Virginia and a member of one of the old families of that state, her maiden name being Catherine Hooper. She was the mother of eight children, seven of whom are living.

The subject of our review began his education in the common schools of Knox county, continuing until he had completed the regular course of the high school. In order to provide himself with resources for further study he taught school at various times, serving altogether for five years as a teacher in the common schools, during the course of which he continued his studies, delving considerably into general literature and the sciences. He entered a medical college at Louisville and continued there for two years, but, becoming convinced of the practical applicability of the principles of osteopathy in the relief and cure of diseases, he went to Kirksville, Missouri, where he entered the American School of Osteopathy and after a course of three years was graduated from that institution in 1905. After leaving the medical college he began practice at Washington, Indiana, but,

desiring a wider field, he came to Vincennes in 1907 and here he has since continued. Having made thorough preparation for his profession, Dr. Phillippe has been remarkably successful in his practice and has become well established as a leading practitioner of the osteopathic school in western Indiana. He is remarkably well versed in anatomy and physiology and by skilful application of the system he has adopted has built up a well deserved reputation as an adept in the healing art.

In 1902 Dr. Phillippe was united in marriage to Miss Ethelyn Freeman, who was born in Knox county, in 1885, and is a daughter of Evan and Anna Freeman. Mrs. Phillippe spent about twelve years of her earlier life in Florida. She is a highly intelligent and well educated woman and has proven to her husband a most valuable helpmeet and companion.

Politically Dr. Phillippe is identified with the republican party and accepts its teachings as superior to those of any other organization for the perpetuity of the Union. He holds membership in the Methodist church and is also identified with the F. & A. M. and the Modern Woodmen of America and by his genial address and pleasing manners has made many friends in Vincennes and the county of his birth.

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#### EDWARD WEISERT.

Edward Weisert, justice of the peace of Vincennes and for many years one of its most respected citizens, is of German ancestry. He was born in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, July 21, 1839, and is a son of Karl Emanuel and Elizabeth (Stern) Weisert, the former of whom was born in 1801 and the latter in 1804. The father was a prominent attorney of Wurtemberg and a lover of liberty. In 1848 he was one of the revolutionary leaders of his district in the attempt to establish a republic in Germany. In the presence of a great audience he delivered a speech in which he declared that the king of Wurtemberg, Frederick Wilhelm, was a schürke (meaning a rascal). On account of this epithet he was disbarred by the king from pleading in the supreme court of Wurtemberg and proceedings were begun against him, which after seven years of legal contest led to his incarceration for ninety days in a political prison called Ashberg, on a high mountain near Ludwigsburg. It is interesting to note that many years afterward our subject, while in Germany upon private business, visited the prison where his father had been confined. Karl Emanuel Weisert departed this life in October, 1858, his faithful wife having been called away November 7, 1846. They were the parents of the following children: Charles Andrew, born December 1, 1825, and now deceased; Eleanora, born in 1827 and now living in Wurtemberg; Amelia, born in 1831 and now deceased; Mary, who was born in 1833 and died in 1909; Carolina, born in 1835 and still living; Edward, our subject; Catherine, born in 1840; Bayata; Pauline, born in 1841 and a nun in Wurtemberg; and Christina, born in 1843 and now deceased.

Edward Weisert was educated in the schools of his native land and acquired mastery of the German and French languages while a resident of Wurtemberg and a student at the celebrated college of Heilbronn, where he also pursued the studies of English, Latin and Greek. His knowledge of these branches has enabled him to frequently act as interpreter in many important cases in the courts, while it has won him a large clientage among the foreign-born population of Knox County, especially the French and German portion thereof. As he grew up he decided to seek his fortune under the more favoring circumstances of the American republic. Accordingly, on May 15, 1857, when he was eighteen years of age he went aboard a steamer at Heilbronn, on the Neckar river, and traveled by water to Havre-de-Grace, where he became a passenger on the *Helvetia*, an English sailing vessel which was bound for the port of New York. He came to Vincennes about the middle of July, 1857, but shortly afterward went to Evansville, Indiana, where he studied the English language in a private school for a year. His first employment in America was as clerk in an importing mercantile house of New Orleans, which handled groceries, wines and liquors sent to this country from France, England, Spain, Switzerland and Germany. After some years of practical experience in New Orleans Mr. Weisert went to New York city, where he was for two years in the employ of Robert Hoe & Company, manufacturers of printing presses. He next went to Venango county, Pennsylvania, as superintendent of oil wells for Hovey & Saffer, of New York city. In 1866 he returned to Vincennes and in the following year entered the grocery business, later becoming a dealer in lumber and building materials. He retired from active business in 1882 and farmed for ten years and is yet farming. He was appointed justice of the peace in 1902, a position which he has ever since held. In his capacity as a judicial officer Mr. Weisert has performed his duties with strict fidelity and has gained the increasing confidence and respect of his fellow citizens as the years have passed.

On the 12th of March, 1867, Mr. Weisert was united in marriage at New Orleans to Miss Elizabeth Gerard, who was born in New Orleans August 15, 1848. She is a daughter of Charles and Margaret (Aneau) Gerard, both of whom were natives of France. Her father was an architect and built the church of St. Augustine in New Orleans. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Weisert, seven of whom are now living: Edward Emanuel, now head clerk of the Alabama Southern Railroad at Birmingham, Alabama; Albert Joseph, of New York city, now foreman of the New York Press; Clarissa, the wife of Warren Hill, of Vincennes; Elizabeth, the wife of Ned Zinkan, of Vincennes; Ethelinne, of St. Louis, Missouri, now a teacher of music; Chlotilda, the wife of Herman Downing, claim agent of the Missouri Pacific Railroad at St. Louis; and Raymond, in the plumbing business in Vincennes. The mother of these children was called away February 26, 1900.

Politically Mr. Weisert is in sympathy with the democratic party and assists to the extent of his ability in advancing its interest. He is a member



of the Catholic church and of the German Harmonie Society, but has never been connected with any secret organization. In 1861 when New Orleans, was for a time blockaded by the Federal blockade, he joined the Legion Francais, a home guard of French citizens of New Orleans, which was organized for the purpose of protection against the negroes should they revolt if New Orleans be taken by Commodore Farragut and General Butler. By a life of integrity and helpfulness Mr. Weisert has won the respect of the entire community and no citizen stands higher in the confidence of the people of Vincennes. Coming to this country more than fifty-two years ago, he overcame numberless obstacles and won his way to a position of honor which he has filled with marked ability. The record of his life cannot fail to be an encouragement to younger men, for it teaches that patience and well applied industry when allied with high character are absolutely sure to receive just recognition.

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### EDWIN J. CRANKSHAW.

Edwin J. Crankshaw, who has gained recognition as one of the energetic and straightforward business men of Vincennes, although he has been a resident of the city only two years, is a native of Michigan and was born in Elba, June 5, 1884. He is the son of George Crankshaw, who was born in New York state about 1833 and became a farmer and carpenter, moving to Michigan, where he enlisted in Company F, Thirteenth Michigan Infantry, and served gallantly in the Civil war. The mother was before her marriage Clarrisa E. Cliff and was born at Waterloo, Canada. The American ancestor of her family was of English parentage and ran away from home, coming to this country with British soldiers at the time of the Revolutionary war. Later he took up land in Canada and finally settled near New York city. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crankshaw: Alfred M., who married Mary Colb and lives in Jackson, Michigan; William G., who married Latilda Duescuit and lives in Detroit; Geneva, now Mrs. A. L. Eddy, of Flint, Michigan; Edwin J.; and Milo F., also of Flint.

The subject of this review received his education in the public schools of Flint and early showed a decided talent for machinery, being able to run a stationary engine from the time he was fifteen years of age, so that it was very easy to see that his talents lay in the direction of mechanical pursuits. He began his active career in a machine-shop and next engaged as fireman in an electric light plant, continuing until 1904, when he entered the employ of the Buick Automobile Company. In 1906 he went to Detroit with the Siedler & Miner Company, manufacturers of automobiles, having charge of the repair shop of that company. In 1907 Mr. Crankshaw, having gained an expert knowledge of automobile construction, was placed in charge of the repair department of the Wabash Automobile Electric Company, coming to



Vincennes August 21, 1908, as manager of the garage of F. P. Fox. On February 1, 1910, Mr. Crankshaw associated with James W. Haughton and purchased the garage of which he is now sole owner, having acquired the interest of his partner. Here he maintains a first class repair shop equipped with a complete outfit of modern machinery for all kinds of work connected with the automobile business and a tire plant for vulcanizing and retreading tires. He also conducts an extensive automobile rental business and has acquired a good reputation as a salesman of automobiles.

On March 27, 1909, Mr. Crankshaw was happily united in marriage to Mrs. Lena M. (Cullison) Day, who is a native of Knox county and has proven to her husband a faithful and loving helpmate. Mr. Crankshaw is politically identified with the democratic party and socially affiliates with the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a firm believer in the authority of holy writ and holds membership in the Christian church which he accepts as a true exponent of the doctrines of the New Testament. In his various duties as a citizen and business man he has gained the confidence of those with whom he has come into contact and today he ranks as one of the representative and progressive citizens of the community.

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#### W. H. PROPES.

W. H. Propes, president of the Vincennes branch of the Terre Haute Brewing Company and one of the active and wide-awake business men of the city, was born in Lawrence county, Illinois, March 1, 1862. He is the son of B. H. and Sarah Ann (Hamer) Propes, the former born in Allen county, Kentucky, in 1830, and the latter in Casey county of the same state in 1834. The father was an undertaker by profession and continued in that vocation many years but was living retired at the time of his decease in 1907 at the age of seventy-seven years. In his family were seven children, four of whom are now living: G. J., of Herrin, Illinois; M. A., of Bridgeport, Illinois; Drettie, now Mrs. W. J. Harris, living near Allendale, Illinois; and W. H., whose name appears at the head of this sketch.

Mr. Propes received his early education in the public schools of Lawrenceville, Illinois, and after leaving school he engaged for some time in the undertaking business with his father. He early became interested in the political affairs of Lawrence county and was appointed deputy sheriff, serving for two years in that office. His adaptability to political life is also indicated by the fact that he acted for two years as marshal of the town of Lawrenceville and for a similar length of time occupied a chair in the city council. However, he was destined for a business career and in 1890 he located in Vincennes, where for nineteen years he has been at the head of the Vincennes branch of the Terre Haute Brewing Company. Under his able management this company is doing a business of one hundred thousand dollars a

year, its pay roll amounts to one thousand dollars a month and the company distributes in Vincennes and vicinity about thirty thousand dollars yearly. It will be seen that it is one of the important business enterprises and one whose prosperity is the evidence of the ability of its management.

Mr. Propes was united in marriage February 17, 1906, to Miss Anna Louise Shassere, who is a native of Knox county, born in 1873. She is a daughter of Jacob Shassere, who came from Germany to New Orleans and thence to Knox county, Indiana, and for many years was in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company.

Since arriving at years of maturity Mr. Propes has been in sympathy with the principles of the democratic party, although during recent years the demands of business have been such that he has been able to devote only a small portion of his time to politics. He was a charter member of the Vincennes Lodge of Elks and has continued as one of the active workers in that organization. He is also affiliated with the Eagles, the Travelers Protective Association, the Country Club, the Pastime Club and the Harmonie Verein. Mr. Propes has traveled extensively in various states in the course of his business operations and has many friends and acquaintances who have always found him genial and accommodating in a high degree, willing to assist those upon whom fortune may have temporarily frowned. Among his business associates he is recognized as an energetic and capable manager whose word is as good as his bond.

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### GEORGE BRUCE HAZELTON.

Among the prominent young lawyers of Knox county, now living in Vincennes, may be named George Bruce Hazelton, who was born in Wabash county, Illinois, in 1875. He is a son of Joseph N. Hazelton, also a native of Wabash county, where he was born in 1840, and identified himself with the farming interests. The mother, who before her marriage was Atlanta Thompson, was born in Wabash county in 1847. Ten children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hazelton, four of whom are now living: William A., who has two children living and is a widower; John, who married Ruth Milligan and has one child, a son; George Bruce, our subject; and Oliver, who married Pearl Hicks and has a daughter.

George B. Hazelton was born upon a farm and educated in the common schools, later becoming a student of the Normal School at Danville, Indiana, where he continued for three years, and afterward pursued the law course at the Central Normal School, Danville, receiving the degree of LL. B. in 1902. Upon being admitted to the bar Mr. Hazelton began practice in this state, but in 1905 went to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he practiced for three years. However, he was attracted again to Indiana and since 1908 has been actively identified with the bar in this city. Mr. Hazelton has made a highly



GEORGE B. HAZELTON



favorable impression wherever he has appeared and is well established in his profession in Knox county. Active, energetic and ambitious to succeed in a calling that demands the best talent of the country, he has most creditably acquitted himself both as a counsellor and as an advocate before court and jury and the future gives bright promise of a constantly widening sphere of usefulness.

In 1897 Mr. Hazelton was happily united in marriage to Miss Margaret Baldwin, who is a native of Monroe City, Knox County, where she was born in 1877. She is a daughter of William A. and Lydia (Ashcraft) Baldwin, her father having served as postmaster at Monroe City under President Cleveland's administration. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hazelton: Lydia, born January 3, 1902; and Howard, February 3, 1907.

Mr. Hazelton adheres to the democratic party as the political organization which in his opinion is best adapted for the perpetuity of the republic. He is affiliated with the Methodist church and is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Order of Ben Hur. He has many friends and acquaintances outside of these organizations who are greatly interested in his success. He early acquired habits of application and thoroughness in his studies and these habits he has brought to his profession, so that he is always well informed as to the law and precedents in any case in which he is interested. By conscientious discharge of his duties he has steadily advanced until he commands the respect not only of his brethren at the bar but of the men of business affairs and the community generally.

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#### WILLIAM G. DUESTERBERG.

William G. Duesterberg, a bright young pharmacist of Vincennes, was born in this city, February 10, 1885. He is a son of Gerhard H. and Elizabeth (Laugel) Duesterberg, both of whom were born in Vincennes, the former about 1850 and the latter about 1853. The father was for many years identified with the grocery business, but is now living retired. The mother comes of a stanch patriotic family, two of her brothers having served in the Civil war from Vincennes. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Duesterberg: Lorena, the wife of Joseph Risch and the mother of five children; Joseph, who married Agnes Recker and has two children; Catherine, the wife of John Weiler and the mother of one child; and William G., Frances and Louis, all living at home.

William G. Duesterberg received his preliminary education in St. John's parochial schools, after which he entered the Winona College of Pharmacy at Indianapolis, a well known institution, which is connected with the Technical Institute of that city. After pursuing the regular course of study Mr. Duesterberg was graduated with the degree of Ph. G. in 1906. Upon leaving college Mr. Duesterberg returned home and associated with Otto F.

Kramer in the drug business, opening a store at Third and Main streets, which he has since conducted with high credit to himself and his associates and worthily ranks among the capable and ambitious young business men who are rapidly coming to the front, ultimately to assume the places of their elders in the business world. From the beginning of his career Mr. Duesterberg has shown a capability that gives promise of a life of usefulness in his chosen vocation. He has a pleasing address and, being thoroughly equipped by a good education, he may safely be depended upon as one of the substantial acquisitions to the progressive life of the city. He is politically in sympathy with the democratic party, whose principles he stanchly supports. He is a member of St. John's Catholic church and is a liberal contributor toward its many beneficences. He also holds membership in the Knights of Columbus and the Harmonie Verein and in those organizations has many friends, who are acquainted with his high character and have perfect confidence in his staying qualities and prophesy for him an active and successful career.

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#### BENJAMIN B. GRIFFITH, M. D.

Possessing advantages of education and training at the best medical institutions of the country and having engaged successfully in practice for more than twenty-five years, Dr. Benjamin B. Griffith has gained a well earned reputation as a practitioner of clear judgment and high standing. Seeking to know the cause of his success, we find that it has been gained through concentration, energy, a persistent purpose and unquestioned integrity. The application of the principles here named have enabled him to attain a record in every way worthy of emulation.

Dr. Griffith was born at Paducah, Kentucky, on the 10th of October, 1861. He is a son of George and Mary F. (Young) Griffith, the former born on a farm ten miles from Paducah, McCracken county, Kentucky, in 1825. Mrs. Griffith was born in North Carolina, in 1831. The father was a valiant soldier of the Civil war and served in the Second Kentucky Regiment of volunteers. He was wounded at the battle of Shiloh and died within twenty-four hours from the effect of his wounds. The grandfathers of Dr. Griffith on both sides of the house served in the patriot army in the Revolutionary war, one as an officer and the other as a private. Grandmother Young's brother, Dr. Benjamin Boland, was also made of good fighting material. A little girl named Jett was murdered by an Indian at an early day in the history of Kentucky near the present town of Bandana, Kentucky. Dr. Boland, alone and fully armed, took up the trail of the murderer and followed him into Missouri and into the cane-brakes of Arkansas and there captured the Indian, the circumstances of the pursuit and capture being one of the interesting stories in the annals of the border. The brave Dr. Boland brought his prisoner back to the scene of

the murder in Kentucky, where the prisoner was tried by a jury of white men, confessed to his crime and was there executed. Thus is outlined in a few sentences one of the thrilling occurrences of early life in Kentucky, which conveys an idea of the resolution and courage of the remarkable men of those times. Three children were born of the marriage of George and Mary Griffith: Benjamin B., the subject of this review; Reese, who died at the age of twelve years; and William G., who married Alma Langston and is the father of two children—Urey and Isabella.

Dr. Griffith received his preliminary education in the public schools of Paducah, Kentucky, and in the high school at Lebanon, Ohio. Having a strong inclination for the pursuit of medicine, he entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1883. A similar title was granted by the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis in 1884, his regular medical studies being followed by post-graduate work extending over three years in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, serving in the Willard Hospital of New York city, the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, and the St. Joseph Infirmary of Chicago. After having thoroughly prepared for his profession by contact with the greatest medical teachers in America, and also by practical application of the principles of medicine and surgery in the great hospitals, Dr. Griffith began practice at Paducah and, taking up special work, came to Vincennes, September 15, 1909, and opened a suite of offices in the La Plante building, where he has since continued.

In 1885 Dr. Griffith was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Dishman, who was born in Marshall county, Kentucky, and was a daughter of B. and Rachel (Lackey) Dishman. Mr. Dishman is a well known farmer, and is now living retired. He is president of the State Road Company, and also of the Ballard Gravel Road Company. Four children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Griffith: Carrie Soule, who is the wife of H. A. Martin, of Paducah; Benjamin B., now in the employ of Albert Pick & Company, of Chicago; and Mary Bell and Rachel Grace, both at home, the former twelve and the latter nine years of age. Mrs. Griffith departed this life in 1907, and our subject was again married in February, 1909, the lady of his choice being Miss Cora Maude Medlin, of Harrisburg, Illinois.

Dr. Griffith was one of the early members of the Southwestern Kentucky Medical Society, and he was also a charter member of the McCracken County Medical Society and of the Old Paducah Medical and Surgical Society. He is now a member of the American Medical Association, the Kentucky State Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society and the Knox County Medical Society. He is held in high respect by his brother practitioners and has gained an enviable reputation by conscientious application to his calling. Believing in the authority of the Bible, he holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and socially he is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of

Elks. Being a gentleman of fine social qualities, he meets with a cordial greeting, not only among his brethren of the fraternal orders, but in the best homes of the city.

Dr. Griffith began in his career with high ideals. He has closely adhered to the standard he then set and he has found no cause to regret the selection of Vincennes as his permanent home. He cheerfully gives his aid to philanthropic work and as a patriotic citizen assists to the extent of his ability in the permanent upbuilding of the community.

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### LOUIS W. JACKMAN.

Among the citizens of Vincennes well known in both professional and business circles is Louis W. Jackman, who was born in Lawrence county, Illinois, February 3, 1862, a son of Aaron R. and Mary E. (Courter) Jackman. His father was also born in Lawrence county, Illinois, June 18, 1839, and was a mechanic by trade, but spent the most of his life upon a farm. He served in Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Regiment Illinois Infantry, in the Civil war, enlisting at Olney, Illinois, and becoming chief musician of the regiment, which was stationed at different times at Nashville, Murfreesboro and Tullahoma, Tennessee. The mother of our subject was born in Wabash county, Illinois, in 1841, and was a daughter of Elder William Courter, a leading evangelist in southern Illinois in his day. He was a pioneer preacher of the Christian church and the family have been actively identified with that church ever since its organization in this country. John Wood, an early ancestor on the maternal side, came to America from England about 1770. He enlisted in the Revolutionary war from New Jersey and the records show that he was an ensign and served for a time on General Washington's staff. After the close of the war he was given a land grant in what is now known as Barren county, Kentucky, and descendants of his oldest daughter are now living there. In 1807 he disposed of his holdings in that state and settled in Wabash county, Illinois, being identified with the organization of that county and serving for several terms as county judge. His son, Alexander, was the father of Melinda (Wood) Courter, the mother of Mary E. Courter, who became the mother of Louis W. Jackman. The descent is thus traced from the time of the Revolution. Mr. Jackman's great-great-grandfather on the paternal side came to Knox county, Indiana, early in 1800 and another ancestor, Allen Ramsey, located in this county as far back as 1787. The grandfather, Basil Jackman, and his brother, William R. Jackman, served side by side in the Black Hawk war, the latter being a sergeant in Spy's battalion of mounted infantry. William R. Jackman and his father, Richard Jackman, were in the war with Tecumseh participating in the battle of Tippecanoe.



Six children were born to Aaron R. and Mary E. (Courter) Jackman, five of whom are living: Louis W., the subject of this review; William C., a conductor on the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad with headquarters at Enid, Oklahoma; Emma H., the wife of Oscar E. Hollowell, of St. Louis; Clara F., the wife of John W. Williamson, of St. Louis; and Della, the wife of Marion Pickering, of Vincennes.

Louis W. Jackman received his early education in the common schools of Lawrence and Wabash counties, Illinois. He later attended the National Normal University of Lebanon, Ohio, and also the Southern Indiana Normal College of Mitchell, Indiana. In the meantime he taught school to secure the necessary funds for further education. He began the study of law under the preceptorship of Hon. S. Z. Landes, of Mount Carmel, Illinois, and continued it under the guidance of W. C. Johnson, of Vincennes, Indiana, and W. F. Schoch, of Mound Valley, Kansas. He was admitted to the bar in Kansas in June, 1887, in Illinois in 1889, and at Vincennes in January, 1890, since which time he has devoted his attention principally to the law, but on November 1, 1909, he acquired possession of the Vincennes Agency Company, of which he is manager. He was prime mover and organizer of the Denison Building & Loan Association at St. Francisville, Illinois, the St. Francisville Canning Company, and also one of the organizers of the First National Bank of St. Francisville, being attorney and director of each of these organizations. He served as mayor one term and city attorney of St. Francisville five terms, and as city attorney of Cedarvale, Kansas, one term. He has been a Mason since 1883, and was initiated, passed and raised in Allendale Lodge, No. 752, of Allendale, Illinois, serving as secretary of the lodge for two terms and master for the same length of time. After moving to St. Francisville, desiring a lodge at that place, he petitioned the grand lodge of the state of Illinois for a dispensation, but found the petition barred on account of the grand lodge by-laws. Being a delegate to the grand lodge, he introduced and secured the passage of two amendments to the by-laws, whereby the territory became available for a new Masonic lodge. Application for a dispensation, however, was again refused by the grand master, necessitating a personal interview with that officer, which resulted in the issuance of the desired dispensation. Mr. Jackman is also a member of the Modern Americans and of the Tribe of Ben Hur.

In 1889, at Vincennes, Mr. Jackman was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Collison, a native of Lawrence county, Illinois. Her father, James M. Collison, was born in the same county and served for four and a half years in the Civil war under General Grant in the Vicksburg campaign, and under W. T. Sherman at Chattanooga, and at the battle of Missionary Ridge, and was in the division that marched to the relief of Knoxville. He then marched with Sherman to the sea and back to Washington, D. C., and participated in twenty-seven hard-fought battles and eighteen skirmishes on land and water. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs.

Jackman, three of whom are now living: James Bruce, born August 22, 1890; Ruth E., born January 13, 1892; and S. Roy, born September 26, 1894. The oldest son served in the band of the Eighth United States Infantry at San Francisco and Monterey, California, for one and one-half years. He then bought his release in order to return home and assist his father in the insurance business, which he is now doing.

Mr. Jackman is a member of the Christian church and was an elder of that church and chairman of the board of trustees for fifteen years at St. Francisville. He has always been an active worker in the church and Sunday school, and was president of the Lawrence County Sunday School Association two terms. In the various responsibilities of citizenship he has always attempted to perform his part with fidelity and has always been actively identified with the democratic party. As is to be seen by the above record, Mr. Jackman is a man of unusual energy and perseverance, and when he undertakes anything he generally carries it through to a successful issue. These traits have been handed down from worthy ancestors, and wherever we find them we may expect a sturdy character and a reputation for solid and enduring worth.

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#### CHARLES LEWIS HAUGHTON.

A well known business man of Vincennes, Charles Lewis Haughton, has an established reputation as an upright citizen and a public officer, who regards a public position as a position of honor to be administered with the same interest and effectiveness that is shown in one's private affairs. For ten years past Mr. Haughton has been actively identified with the interests of the city, and he is today one of its best known and most honored citizens, the passage of years having increased the confidence in which he is held by the entire community.

He is a native of Niagara county, New York, and was born within sound of Niagara Falls, November 14, 1848. He is a son of Hiram and Elizabeth (Potter) Haughton, the former born in Cortland county, New York, about 1804, and the latter in the same county in 1808. The father devoted his attention to farming and departed this life at Wilson, New York, in 1862. Upon the maternal side Mr. Haughton is of English descent. His grandfather, Stephen Potter, was born in Providence, Rhode Island, and was a son of Nathaniel Potter, also of Providence, who was a son of Nathaniel Potter, the emigrant ancestor. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Haughton: Andrew, now deceased, who was a physician and practiced in New York, Ohio and Knox county, this state; Edward P., who became a member of Company C, Twenty-eighth New York Volunteer Riflemen, in the Civil war and was killed in the battle of Cedar Mountain,

Virginia, in August, 1862; Harriet, who became the wife of John Crofts and died at Oaktown, this county; Mary, of Vincennes; Hannah, now the widow of Alpheus Hill and living at Oaktown; and Charles, our subject.

The subject of this review was educated in the common schools of New York state and at the Collegiate Institute at Wilson, New York. Having at the age of fourteen years lost his father, he early began his active career and, coming west, was engaged with an engineering corps in Iowa and Arkansas. However, he was attracted to mercantile lines and in 1872 entered the general mercantile business at Oaktown, this county, where he continued with increasing success for twenty-eight years and gained a well established reputation as one of the highly competent business men of the county. In 1900, seeking a wider field, he removed to Vincennes and became identified with the business interests of this city as member of the firm of Gimbel, Haughton & Bond, at 202 to 206 Main street. The firm is one of the important mercantile houses of Vincennes, carrying a large and well selected line of dry goods, cloaks, carpets and shoes, and is one of the substantial business concerns, which attracts patrons from a wide region outside of the city.

In June, 1875, Mr. Haughton was united in marriage to Miss Emma C. Pugh, of Oaktown, a daughter of Dr. J. W. and Margaret (McCormick) Pugh. Mr. and Mrs. Haughton have been the parents of five children: Daisy, the wife of J. Rupert Gregory, county surveyor of Warren county, Indiana; Mary, the wife of L. T. Dorste, member of the firm of Powell & Dorste, of Anderson, Indiana; Charles A., who married Eloise Kruse and is connected with the firm of which his father is a member; Margaret E., at home; and a son who died in infancy.

Mr. Haughton has been for many years affiliated with the democratic party and is an earnest advocate of its principles. He has served in a number of responsible official positions, occupying for two years the office of county commissioner, and at the present time he is serving as councilman-at-large for the city and is chairman of the sewer committee and member of the ways and means committee of the council. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is identified with the church officially as member of the board of trustees and also of the official board. Socially he is connected with a number of fraternal organizations, his name being upon the rolls of the Masonic order, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Pastime Club and the Country Club, and has many warm friends in those organizations as well as throughout Knox county.

The success of Mr. Haughton, in the various responsibilities with which he has been identified, has been due to a native ability for the discharge of important affairs and many years of practical experience under the guidance of worthy ideals. Prompt, conscientious and efficient in a high

degree in anything he undertakes, his career has demonstrated the success that may be accomplished by energy, foresight and good management and is a striking illustration of the possibilities which are available in America for any ambitious young man who is actuated by noble principles.

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#### D. FRANK CULBERTSON.

The records contained in this volume are of inestimable worth when studied with the object of learning the secret that led to that condition expressed by the magic word "success." In the life of every successful man there is the keynote which can be discerned by the listening ear. That note, as can be discovered in the career of D. F. Culbertson, a promising young attorney of Vincennes and at the present time serving a second term as prosecuting attorney of the county, is in the cultivation of an upright character and the development of constructive powers, inherent in all but brought into active use only by those who are willing to pay the price. The price in the case of Mr. Culbertson was years of conscientious preparation and the ability to make practical application of correct principles when the happy moment arrived.

Mr. Culbertson was born at Edwardsport, Knox county, August 6, 1879. At the age of thirty-one he has accomplished more than ordinarily falls to the lot of the young practitioner at the bar, but his advancement has been by no means due to luck or chance. Such words have little meaning to the ambitious and deserving young man. He was fortunate, however, in being born of parents who recognized the advantage of a fair start in a race which is each year becoming more vehement and calls for all the knowledge and skill that the modern world can bestow. His parents were James Lowry and Anna (Sylvester) Culbertson. The son was given the advantages of a public school education and attendance at De Pauw University. He was graduated from the law department of that university in the class of 1904 with the coveted degree of LL. B. He was then twenty-five years of age, and by mental training and experience was well qualified to make a good showing in anything he should undertake. He began practice at Vincennes in 1905 and has been alone up to the present time. He was successful from the beginning and gained such popularity that in the fall of 1906 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Knox county, being reelected in 1908 to an office in which he has shown abilities of a high order and scored a pronounced success. Although one of the young members of the bar, he is a favorite public speaker and the circle of his acquaintance and influence is constantly widening. He has from the time of reaching voting age been identified with the democratic party and an ardent supporter of its principles. All his addresses are characterized by an enthusiasm and energy that in many instances has carried conviction

where before was opposition or doubt. He is alert and able in the discharge of his official responsibilities, and is generally regarded as one of the forces in Knox county that as time passes is to be carefully considered in forecasting the political possibilities. He was made a Mason before removing to Vincennes and is a member of Edwardsport Lodge, No. 428. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Pastime and Country Clubs of Vincennes.

In March, 1909, occurred the marriage of Mr. Culbertson and Miss Riba Eleanor Curry of Vincennes. In this as in other important matters, Mr. Culbertson made a wise choice and has as a life companion one of the most charming ladies of the city. The ability which Mr. Culbertson has displayed in discharging thus far the duties and responsibilities of an active life, lead to the opinion that there is nothing to fear on account of larger duties and responsibilities in the years to come. Bringing to his profession a handsome appearance, graceful manners, a mind well stored with a knowledge of the principles and practice of law, and what is of equal importance—a fixed determination to win, tempered by a laudable ambition to win by fair means—taking these qualities into consideration, it is practically a foregone conclusion that he will gain and hold the confidence and respect of people over a wide region and attain what every aspiring mind should desire—an honorable and enduring place in the estimation of all to whom his name is known.

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#### R. M. ROBINSON.

In business circles of Vincennes the name of R. M. Robinson is well and favorably known. A native of Knox county, where he has lived for more than forty-five years, his career has been noted with pride by early friends and acquaintances and his advancement in public and private life has been a matter of general congratulation. His success has been the direct result of his own exertions—of faith in himself, which he inherits from brave parents, and the application of sound principles of life and action that are bound to accomplish gratifying results regardless of the business or occupation, the conditions, high or low, in which they are applied. The avenues to all of the worthy ambitions of life are opened and there is no prophesying where the adventure will end.

Mr. Robinson first saw the light of day in Steen township, on a farm near Wheatland. Like most of the wide-awake and enterprising men of the county, he was reared to agricultural pursuits and never contracted habits of idleness or dissipation too often prevalent among the younger generation in the populous communities. His natal day was July 6, 1864. He is the son of Richard Robinson, a native of Ohio, whose parents removed to western Indiana when Richard was a child and settled on a fertile spot in Steen

township. Richard Robinson grew up with the country and was educated mainly at home, as the schools of those days in the rural districts of Indiana were few and teachers scarce. He died amid the scenes with which his life had been familiar and was buried in Wheatland cemetery. The mother of our subject was Frances (Stevenson) Robinson, who was born in Ireland and came with her parents to Indiana, the family also locating in Steen township. It was an old-fashioned family that gathered around the fireside of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and of ten children born to them, nine are now living in Knox county and one only has sought fortune elsewhere.

R. M. Robinson was educated in the "big university"—the university that has produced many of the noblest names of modern times—the common schools. Here children of both sexes and all classes meet and out of this "melting pot" have come many of the men and women who have proven of untold benefit to the race. For some years, until his father's death, Mr. Robinson farmed on the home place with his father and later with a brother. He became known as a good agriculturist whose crops compared favorably with those of any other in the region and for five years he served as trustee of the Steen township. He removed to Vincennes in May, 1901, and became associated with G. W. Donaldson, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume, purchasing the McJimsey Buggy Company. The name of the company was changed to the Robinson & Donaldson Buggy Company, doing a large business as wholesale and retail dealers in automobiles, carriages, buggies, farm wagons, harness, pianos and sewing machines. A large share of the credit for the success of the firm is due to the energy and ability of Mr. Robinson. However, in 1904 he was called away from the active management of the company by being chosen by the voters of this county as county treasurer. To this office he was reelected, serving for four years in a position whose capable discharge calls for good business experience and knowledge of finance not possessed by the ordinary man. At the expiration of his second term as a county official he resumed his business duties. He also owns a beautiful farm of more than four hundred acres, including the old homestead, which he hopes to hand down as a valuable heritage of the family. He has not lost his interest in politics and is now chairman of the county democratic committee and a man whose advice is sought by many who are personally identified with political affairs. He is an active member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In February, 1892, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Donahue, also a native of Knox county, who was born in Vincennes of Irish parentage. She has proven a constant support and comfort to her husband, who is a busy man but one who fully appreciates the advantages and blessings of a peaceful home. Six children have been born of this union: Richard G., Anna C., Frances A., Margaret E., Katherine D. and Charles Donahue.

It is doubtful whether there is to be found in Knox county a more worthy name in business and financial circles than that which stands at the head of

this sketch. From a lad whose fortune from the start, owing to a large number of brothers and sisters, depended mainly upon his own exertions, he has become one of the respected citizens of one of the most prosperous and progressive counties of a great state. Surely this is success.

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### JOHN B. LA PLANTE.

A history of the La Plante family in Vincennes takes us back to that early and romantic period in the annals of this city when the French settled here as a convenient point for trading with the Indians. In all the intervening years representatives of the name have remained in this district, carrying forward the work of development and progress, and the same spirit of enterprise found expression in the life of John Baptist La Plante, who for many years was a well known manufacturer of this city, while his later days were devoted to the supervision of the investments which he had made.

He was born February 3, 1833, and was the third child of Pierre and Elizabeth (Gamelin) La Plante, the latter a native of Vincennes. Pierre La Plante was a son of John Baptist and Dorcas (O'Connell) La Plante. The former was a native of France, and in 1798 came with his wife, who was a native of Ireland, and family to Vincennes, then a small French town. He established a distillery on the Illinois side of the Wabash river and continued in business until after the outbreak of the war of 1812, when he enlisted as a soldier in defense of American interests, acting as guide and scout for General Harrison in the battle of Tippecanoe and in his military operations in this section of the country. He reared a family of four sons and three daughters, all of whom spent their lives in Knox county. The sons were Pierre, John B., Hyacinthe and Joseph.

Pierre La Plante also served in the second war with England in connection with his father, John Baptist La Plante, and at an early age learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed during the greater part of his life. He was also the owner of a trading post at Fort Harrison and was moderately successful in the accumulation of property, being a poor man. However, he figured prominently in connection with many events which have left their impress upon the history of this part of the state. He acted as a guide for General Tipton at the time of the removal of the Pottawatomie Indians from the neighborhood of Logansport to a reservation in Missouri in 1837. His political allegiance was given to the whig party, and at one time he filled the office of commissioner of Knox county. He married Elizabeth Gamelin, of Vincennes, a representative of a very prominent family here, and unto them were born eight children, seven sons and one daughter.

Vincennes was still but a small town of little commercial or industrial importance during the boyhood of John B. La Plante, whose name introduces this review. He learned the saddler's trade in early life and followed it until twenty-one years of age, when he joined his brother in the establishment and conduct of a grocery store. By hard work, earnest effort and unfaltering perseverance they succeeded in developing the store from a small beginning into one of the largest general mercantile establishments of this city. To the stock of groceries they added other lines from time to time and became leading representatives of commercial interests in Vincennes. John B. La Plante continued actively in the business until 1878, when he retired to devote his attention to the management of his different property holdings and investments in this city, for in the meantime he had become a man of considerable wealth and his personal interests were very extensive.

On the 7th of December, 1855, Mr. La Plante was married to Miss Malinda Scott, who died several years later. On the 28th of May, 1874, he married Catherine E. All, whose ancestors were among the pioneer settlers of Maryland. There were two children of this marriage: Margaret Mary, now deceased; and John Baptist Edmund, who is a law student of Columbia College.

The La Plante family have long been connected with St. Xavier Catholic church, of which Mr. La Plante was a devoted member. He died May 27, 1898, but many years will come and go ere he will cease to be remembered in Vincennes. His was a business record such as any man might be proud to possess. Although he started out in life with little, he gradually worked his way upward and achieved not only prosperity, but also an honored name, enjoying at all times the full confidence and high regard of colleagues and contemporaries. His life exemplified what may be accomplished through the wise use of time, talents and opportunities. His success proved the force of his character and the high regard in which he was uniformly held indicated the straightforward course which he ever followed.

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#### SCHUYLER COLFAX BEARD, M. D.

Dr. Schuyler Colfax Beard has continuously engaged in practice in Vincennes since his graduation from the Bellevue Medical College, of New York city, with the class of 1885. He was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, June 20, 1864. His father, Dr. Ferdinand W. Beard, was a native of Harrison county, this state, but in 1874 removed to Vincennes. He received the ground work of his professional training in the Rush Medical College of Chicago and afterward entered Bellevue Medical College of New York, from which he was in due course of time graduated. He practiced a number of years in



Springfield and Harrodsburg, Indiana, and gained eminence in his profession but was not more highly honored and popular in professional circles than in private life. He made a specialty of surgery and gained much more than local fame in that connection. With comprehensive knowledge of anatomy and the component parts of the human body, with steady hand and clear brain, he performed the work that devolved upon him in that connection and through operative surgery worked many notable cures. He died February 11, 1891, at the age of fifty-six years, his birth having occurred February 12, 1835. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Gainey, was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, and died in 1880. They had but two children, the daughter, Jessie Beard, becoming the wife of Norbert Landgraf, of Indianapolis.

Dr. Beard, whose name introduces this review, pursued his studies through successive grades in the public schools of Vincennes until graduated from the high school with the class of 1880, after which he spent two years as a student in the State University. He then took up the study of medicine and, like his father, became a student in the Bellevue Medical College of New York, wherein he completed his course with the class of 1885. He then began practicing with his father and so continued until the latter's death, since which time he has practiced alone. He is a member of various medical societies and also of the Lancet Club, of which he was the founder. When but twenty-two years of age he was chosen coroner and during President Harrison's administration he was a member of the board of pension examiners. He also filled the same position during President McKinley's administration. In 1901 when the metropolitan police law went into effect in Vincennes he was appointed police commissioner and in this capacity assisted in inaugurating the new system in the city. Dr. Beard is a charter member of the Vincennes Lodge of Elks and is a past exalted ruler of same. He is a man of considerable literary ability, recognized as a clear and forceful writer on many subjects. The salient qualities of Dr. Schuyler Colfax Beard have ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and high regard of the general public, and the ethical standard to which he has adhered in his practice has gained him the unfaltering regard and approval of his professional brethren.

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#### CHARLES W. BENHAM, M. D.

Dr. Charles W. Benham, who for twenty years has been successfully engaged in practice in Knox county, fifteen years of which time have been spent in Vincennes, was born in this county, August 9, 1861, a son of James W. and Catherine (Weaver) Benham. His father, who died in 1868, was a farmer of Knox county and was a veteran of the Civil war. He enlisted in the Eightieth Indiana Regiment and participated in the battle of

Antietam and many other engagements, continuing in the service to the close of the war. One of the great sorrows which Dr. Benham has known was the accidental death of his mother, at the early age of thirty-one years, by drowning. In the family were five children, three of whom are now living: Charles W., the subject of this sketch; Ella, now Mrs. E. B. Anderson, of Wheatland, Knox county; and Dr. James W., who married Grace Niblack and is now practicing at Columbus, Indiana.

Dr. Benham gained his early education in the common schools, and then attended the Vincennes high school. Having determined upon the medical profession, he entered the Louisville (Ky.) Medical College and at twenty-eight years of age was graduated with the class of 1889. As he had attained a high standing in his studies he was granted privileges of further study and also of practical application of principles of the art in the Louisville City Hospital. This work is a most important preparation for the physician and when Dr. Benham's term as interne had expired, he at once began active practice at Wheatland, where he continued for six years with a growing clientage. He permanently located in Vincennes in 1895 and here he has realized many of the aspirations of his earlier life and ranks as one of the most successful physicians in the county.

On the 27th of December, 1893, Dr. Benham was united in marriage to Miss Maud Dukate, a native of Wheatland. Her father, Dr. John D. Dukate, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky, is a practitioner of wide reputation and many years' standing. Her mother was a native of Ohio and previous to her marriage was Mary M. Wallace. Two children have been born unto Dr. and Mrs. Benham, a son and daughter: Gladys, born at Wheatland, October 1, 1894; and Charles Dukate, who was born in Vincennes, June 28, 1900.

Dr. Benham has been identified for a number of years with medical organizations, being a member of the American Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Society, the District Medical Society, the Knox County Medical Society and the Lancet Club of Vincennes, of which he was one of the organizers. He has always been a close student of his profession, and is the owner of a choice library of the best medical works and a reader of the latest discoveries in a science which occupies the time and talents of many of the greatest minds in the world. He brought to his profession a power of discrimination and a clear judgment as to cause and effect, which have assisted him in a large degree on many occasions of emergency. Among his fellow practitioners his opinions are greatly respected, and his best friends are to be found among those whom he has assisted on the way to health. As secretary of the board of health of Vincennes he performed admirable service and made a record which his successors refer to with approbation. Politically he is allied with the republican party. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and in discharging the various responsibilities that devolve upon him as a citizen of

established standing in the community, he has always attempted to perform his duty. Born upon a farm and depending mainly upon his own exertions from an early age, he has clearly merited the honorable place which he holds in Knox county.

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### EDWARD BIERHAUS.

Edward Bierhaus, for many years one of the prominent business men of Vincennes, was born in Elberfeld, Prussia, August 4, 1832, and came to this country in 1848 with his parents, Karl and Fredericka Bierhaus, the family locating in Vincennes. In this city he was first employed in the American Hotel, which stood on the site of the department store formerly the La Plante House, at the corner of First and Main streets. In 1853 he embarked in the general merchandise business at Freelandville, this county, but in 1865 sold his interests there and returned to Vincennes, where he was engaged in a pork packing business and also conducted a retail grocery store, his slaughter house being located at the corner of First and Nicholas streets. In 1878 Mr. Bierhaus bought out Gimbel Brothers' wholesale grocery on Main street, between First and Second, and conducted the same under the firm style of E. Bierhaus & Sons. Their business grew to such proportions that they soon erected the large and handsome three story wholesale house at the corner of Main and Fourth streets, in addition to which large warehouses were constructed on First and Church streets. Mr. Bierhaus was the senior member of the firm until his retirement from active business some ten years before his death. Since that time the business has been conducted by his sons Charles and John.

On the 30th of June, 1853, Mr. Bierhaus was united in marriage to Miss Louise Schuckman and on the 30th of June, 1903, they celebrated their golden wedding. Unto them were born eight children, six sons and two daughters, namely: Charles, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Henry, who married Lizzie Schroyer, of Newcastle, Indiana, and resides in Indianapolis; Frederick, who married Annie Rasche and lives in Vincennes; Edward, who married Alice Danner and makes his home in Knightstown, Indiana; William C., who married Lottie Watkins, of Mount Carmel, Illinois, and lives in Vincennes; John, who married Hannah Gibson and also resides in this city; Emma, the wife of Rudolph G. Geisler, of Chicago; and Anna, the wife of Edward Clark, of Vincennes.

Mr. Bierhaus died on the 21st of February, 1906, and his death was widely and deeply mourned. He was strictly a business man in every sense of the word and through his untiring energy and close application built up an immense business and accumulated a snug fortune. He had but a few hundred dollars when he embarked in business at Freelandville, then known as Cross Roads, being the junction of two country roads, one running from

Linton to Vincennes and the other from Carlisle to Edwardsport, but he built a log store and dwelling and soon built up a good trade among the farmers of the neighborhood. There was no other house at Cross Roads but the residence of Dr. Freeland, after whom the town was subsequently named. Mr. Bierhaus conducted a successful business there for thirteen years, during which time the village sprang up around his store. It was at this place he was thrown from a horse and received an injury which developed seriously a few years later and which was in a manner responsible for his death. The rapid growth of his business interests in Vincennes, consisting of pork packing, wholesale grocery, wholesale poultry and egg business, is well known to the citizens of this locality and his trade extended for a great distance throughout the surrounding country.

Mr. Bierhaus was ever upright and honorable in all his dealings and was a consistent and faithful member of St. John's German Evangelical church. He never aspired to public office but attended strictly to his business interests and was successful to a degree beyond the attainments of most men.

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### JAMES WADE EMISON.

It is gratifying to meet a man prominent in life whose public and private acts have always contributed to the welfare of the community. Such a man is James Wade Emison, one of the leaders at the bar in Vincennes and a public-spirited citizen of the type that attempts to discharge its responsibilities in such a manner as to receive the approval of an educated conscience.

Mr. Emison is a native of Indiana, born in Bruceville, Knox county, February 7, 1859, and is a son of John W. and Sarah (Dunning) Emison, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Bruceville and became a student of Asbury (now De Pauw) University, graduating from that institution at the age of twenty-one, in 1882, and receiving the degree of A. B. In 1885, upon invitation of the college faculty, he delivered the master's oration at the annual commencement exercises and was then awarded the higher degree of A. M. After graduating from the university Mr. Emison returned home and assumed partial charge of his father's business, which included farming, milling and merchandising, in which he continued for seven years. In the meantime, however, he had entered upon the study of law, was admitted to the bar in 1889 and began practice in the office of Captain George G. Reily at Vincennes. A year later a partnership was formed with Captain Reily, the firm being known as Reily & Emison. This association continued until it was terminated by the death of the senior partner in 1899. Mr. Emison practiced alone for a short time but in 1901 became connected with Judge William W. Moffett, as Emison & Moffett. The death of Judge Moffett in February, 1907, brought the partnership to a close and Mr. Emison has since



JAMES WADE EMISON



practiced alone. He was exceedingly fortunate in his law partnerships, his associates in each instance being men of scholarly attainments, large acquaintance with the practice and principles of law and of unimpeachable character. Many important cases were entrusted to these firms and the surviving member gained a well established reputation by his untiring interest and efforts in behalf of clients. He is at present attorney for the First National Bank of Vincennes, a member of the board of directors of the Citizens Trust Company and is actively connected with many other business interests. Having been reared upon a farm, Mr. Emison has through life retained a lively appreciation of its advantages and he has continuously been identified with farming and live-stock affairs. For many years he acted as secretary of the Knox County Agricultural and Mechanical Society and few men in the county are better acquainted with its agricultural resources and possibilities.

Mr. Emison is a supporter of the principles of the republican party and has always taken a great interest in its success, both locally and nationally, being a delegate to the republican national convention in 1908. He believes it is the duty of every citizen to adhere to some party and use his influence personally in its support. Although not a seeker for office he served for several years as city attorney of Vincennes, and as county attorney of Knox county he accomplished a good work in inspiring a wholesome respect for the law. In all his relations as public officer, counsellor or advocate at the bar he has proven his skill in arriving at right conclusions and his ability in solving intricate legal problems. No man stands higher at the bar of Knox county and few have greater influence before judge or jury. This ability is the result of more than twenty years of close application and also of a solid foundation which was acquired in the university and in actual affairs of business life.

Not only in professional but in social circles is Mr. Emison well known. He has for many years been a member of the Masonic order and belongs to the blue lodge, chapter and commandery. He is also a member of the Elks and his name is upon the rolls of the Pastime Club, of Vincennes. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian and he is a member of the board of trustees of the First Presbyterian church.

On the 27th of November, 1890, Mr. Emison was united in marriage to Sada Ross Rabb, a daughter of Dr. John H. and Susan E. Rabb, of Vincennes. Dr. Rabb, who was for many years president of the First National Bank of this city, was a man of high character and standing in Vincennes and Knox county and one who had the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He and his wife came here from Kentucky in the early 50's. Four children have been born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Emison: Ewing, James Wade, Jr., Susan Rabb and John Rabb.

Their home is one of the happiest in the city and the head of the family is never in a more grateful frame of mind than when in the quiet of the domestic circle, surrounded by his family or dispensing a hospitality that has

made the household known as a center for the highest type of American citizenship. Born under favoring auspices, reared under every advantage that the best type of modern life can desire, educated in a great university and by contact with the brightest minds, Mr. Emison has now reached the prime of a useful career. In the opinion of his friends he has fairly earned the honorable position he now occupies and may be confidently expected in the years to come to win new victories in the extension of a beneficent influence which has always been exerted in the best interests of his fellowmen.

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### MATHIAS ZAEPFEL.

Mathias Zaepfel, formerly engaged in the wine and cigar business but now living retired, makes his home at No. 614 Barnet street in Vincennes. The surname indicates his German nativity, his birth having occurred in the fatherland on the 24th of April, 1852. His parents were Frank and Anna (Mueller) Zaepfel. The father was a farmer and barber, devoting his life to those two pursuits.

Mathias Zaepfel spent his youthful days in his native country and is indebted to its public school system for the educational advantages which he enjoyed and which fitted him for life's practical and responsible duties. He remained a resident of Germany until twenty years of age and then started for the new world, hoping to benefit by the business conditions which he heard existed here. He did not tarry long on the Atlantic coast but made his way direct to Vincennes, his choice of a location being influenced by the fact that he had an uncle living in this city. He had no capital and his financial condition rendered it imperative that he secure and obtain immediate employment. He was willing to accept any position that would gain him an honorable living. For nine years he was employed at the hardware trade, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to engage in the retail wine and cigar business. He started on a small scale, however, but built up a large trade until his was one of the most extensive and leading enterprises of this character in the city. At one time he purchased farm land, which he owned until about five years ago, when he sold out. His close application, unabating energy and unfaltering perseverance were the strong elements in his success and when he had acquired a substantial competence he retired from business life. He has never selfishly wished to have more than would enable him to live comfortably and he has also been generous in sharing with others the prosperity that he has attained.

On the 5th of September, 1882, Mr. Zaepfel was married to Miss Mary Reinbold, a daughter of Andrew and Rosa Reinbold. They have become parents of a daughter and son: Anna, who is the wife of John Ueding and



the mother of two children, Mary Louise and John Anthony; and Anthony, fifteen years of age, who is employed in a drug store in this city.

Mr. Zaepfel is very prominent among people of his own nationality and belongs to all of the leading German societies of the city. He holds membership with St. John's church, also in St. John's Harmony Club and is a member of the Travelers Protective Association. He possesses many of the sterling characteristics of the German race and is numbered among the worthy representatives of the fatherland in Vincennes.

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### CHARLES BIERHAUS.

Charles (originally Karl) Bierhaus, one of the well known citizens of Vincennes and for more than thirty-five years actively identified with its business interests, was born in Knox county in 1855 and is a son of Edward and Louisa (Schuckman) Bierhaus, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.

After receiving a common-school education in Vincennes, Charles Bierhaus immediately became identified with his father in the pork packing and poultry and egg business, which had previously been established by the head of the family. In 1878 he also became interested in a large wholesale grocery house and he and his brother John still retain the business which their father founded many years ago. In his business career Mr. Bierhaus has shown an interest and an ability which always makes for success and in the course of many years, living as he has in a community where he has been known all his life, he has built up a reputation for sound judgment and integrity that is worth more in the final summing up than all the rewards of wealth. His industry has met with favorable returns and he has acquired a competence represented by good paying investments in Vincennes.

In 1877 Mr. Bierhaus was united in marriage to Miss Helen Busse, also a native of Knox county, born September 19, 1854, and a daughter of William and Sophia (Helle) Busse. Her father was a native of Germany and was a baker and confectioner by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Bierhaus are the parents of two daughters; Ida, who is the widow of Clarence M. Zener and the mother of three children, Karl, Katharine and Clarence; and Helen, who is living at home with her parents.

Mr. Bierhaus has witnessed many changes in Vincennes and Knox county and many of his former friends and business associates have been called to their reward. He has always been a man of good habits and conservative judgment and has never been in sympathy with men who lose all they have by speculations in the stock market or in a wild venture to get rich quick. He has found that steady hard work, persistence and a good strong faith in one's self are the milestones that mark the road to success and in the course of his advancement in the business world he has always kept those

milestones in sight. He has many lifelong associates who look to him for advice in times of emergency and those less fortunate than himself have never sought his aid in vain. It is the solid and substantial men of this character that constitute the backbone of every community.

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### HUGH A. EMISON.

As assistant postmaster of Vincennes for the past thirteen years, the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this review is well known here and is recognized as one of its valuable citizens. He has gained the position he occupies in the estimation of the business men and patrons of the office by conscientious attention to the duties of his position, thorough knowledge of the intricacies of the service and an adaptability as a public official which has assisted him very materially in his work.

Mr. Emison comes of a Kentucky family, which originally spelled its name Emerson and whose descendants are now living in Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri and Texas. The first member of the family to locate in Knox county was Thomas Emison, who settled on Mariah Creek, in 1804, on coming from Kentucky. William W. C. Emison, the eldest son of Thomas Emison, married Elizabeth Posey and their son John W. Emison was the father of our subject. The old Posey homestead in this county has been in possession of the Posey and Emison families for more than one hundred years and is greatly valued on account of its associations. The mother of our subject was Sarah (Dunning) Emison, a daughter of Spear S. and Emily (Bishop) Dunning, both early residents of Vincennes. There are five living children in the family, Hugh A. being the fourth in order of birth. The other members of the family are: James Wade, now a well known lawyer of Vincennes; John W., now postmaster of Vincennes; and Mrs. Mattie Barr and Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, both residents of Princeton, Indiana.

Hugh A. Emison, who was born at Wheatland, Knox county, March 7, 1866, received his education in the graded schools of Bruceville, and after laying aside his books engaged in the grain business, in which he continued successful for a number of years. On July 1, 1897, he was appointed assistant postmaster of Vincennes and this position he has ever since filled with a fidelity that has met the hearty approval of the officials of the post-office department.

On October 3, 1901, Mr. Emison was united in marriage to Miss Lovisa H. Hartwell, a daughter of John T. and Maria S. Hartwell of Vincennes, and in his wife he has found a faithful and loving companion, who presides with dignity and grace over the household and heartily cooperates with him in every good work.

Mr. Emison since arriving at years of maturity has been identified with the republican party and accepts its platforms as being more nearly in accord

with the ideas of a progressive people than the platforms of any other party. Socially he is connected with Lodge No. 291, B. P. O. E., of Vincennes, and he is also a member of the Pastime Club and the Old Post Country Club of Vincennes. In the various relations of life Mr. Emison has so conducted himself as to make many friends and he has gained the respect of all with whom he has come in contact. In his capacity as a public officer he has been especially fortunate and he is, therefore, known as one of the well established and substantial citizens of Vincennes.

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### ANTHONY M. YELTON.

Anthony M. Yelton, for many years a resident of Vincennes, and one of its respected citizens, having gained high standing both as a business man and as a capable public officer, is a native of Kentucky, born at Butler, March 5, 1850. His father, Elijah Yelton, was also a native of Kentucky and was born in 1820. He was a farmer and lived on the old homestead until his death, which occurred November 21, 1910, in the ninety-second year of his age. The grandfather on the paternal side was William Yelton, of Virginia. The mother, Luthania Leland Barton before her marriage, was born in Kentucky, in 1825, and through the maternal line the subject of this review is of Revolutionary ancestry, his great-grandfather having served as a general in the Revolutionary war. The Barton family was originally from Providence, Rhode Island, where William Barton, the father of Mrs. Yelton, was born. Ten children came to brighten the household of Mr. and Mrs. Yelton, four of whom are now living: Anthony M., our subject; Thomas S., who married Naomi Tarvin and has served for two terms as sheriff of Pendleton county, Kentucky; James C., now a postal clerk running between Cincinnati and Knoxville, who is married and has four daughters; and Belle, the wife of F. M. McClure, a tobacco merchant of Shelbyville, Kentucky.

Anthony M. Yelton was educated in the common schools of Kentucky and began his business career by learning telegraphy in the railway service, in which he continued in various capacities for twenty-five years. He was for three years in charge as chief dispatcher and trainmaster of the Mississippi division of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad and for seventeen years was joint terminal agent for the Pennsylvania and Big Four Railroads in Vincennes. At the end of this time, having become interested in political affairs, he was elected clerk of the Knox county circuit court and served in that position for eight years, discharging his duties in such a way as to receive the merited commendation of the courts and the people of the county.

In 1875 Mr. Yelton was united in marriage to Miss Carrie J. Shaw, of Alexandria, Kentucky, a cousin of Judge George W. Shaw, of that state, now of Vincennes. She is a daughter of James and Sarah (Acklin) Shaw, the former of whom was engaged in farming and is now deceased. Mr. and

Mrs. Yelton are the parents of three children: Grace Lee, now the wife of Dr. J. M. Burns, of Mansfield, Ohio, and the mother of one daughter, Marian Ivan; Francis Marion, who married Miss Marie Inglehart, of Vincennes, and is now living at Fort Worth, Texas; and Roscoe A., who married Miss Adelia Tindolph and lives at San Antonio, Texas, and has one son, Richard.

Since reaching manhood Mr. Yelton has been identified with the democratic party, accepting the principles of that party as those most friendly toward the permanence of the institutions of a free government. He and his family hold membership in the Baptist church. Socially he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum and the National Union and is now acting as president of the council of the latter organization in Vincennes. Mr. Yelton is a man of unblemished character and has displayed ability and sound judgment in the discharge of his obligations, both public and private. Improving his opportunities as the years passed and utilizing the advantages that appeared from time to time until he has attained a prominent place in the esteem of the best people of the community. He is known as a patriotic and useful citizen, who never advances himself at the expense of others, his success being the result of the application of the simple principles of honesty and of concentration upon whatever he has been called upon to do. He has exemplified those traits of character that inspire confidence and has assisted to the extent of his ability in advancing the public interests, belonging to that class which leaves a permanent impress in behalf of all that is most desirable in American life.

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#### STEPHEN A. RYDER.

Among the active and capable business men of Vincennes, Stephen A. Ryder is accorded an honorable place, not only on account of his acknowledged ability in the conduct of business affairs, but also because he has forged his way to a responsible position through his own exertions, having started in a humble capacity and overcome many difficulties on the way. He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1852, and to him belongs the distinction of having been the first white child born in that city. He is a son of John and Mary (Myers) Ryder, the former of whom was born in Connecticut in 1810, and became a brick manufacturer and contractor, operating upon a quite large scale. He built the De Soto Hotel at Galena, this state, which was for some years one of the largest hotels in the west. The father departed this life in 1856. The mother, who was born in the Blue mountains near Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in 1815, was twice married, her first husband being Lewis Haehnlen. There were two children by that union: Lewis, who married Mary Boutwell and is the father of one son; and Mary, the widow of James Chalmers, by whom she has two children. By her second marriage Mrs. Ryder became the mother of two children: Wilhelmina, who married A. V. Knickerbocker, a member of

the New York family of Knickerbockers, and has one daughter; and Stephen A.

The subject of this review was educated in the public schools of Chicago and early began his battle with life as a messenger for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Even as a boy he was ambitious of advancement and he studied telegraphy while acting as messenger and became a full-fledged operator, continuing in the Western Union office in Chicago for about three years. He then entered the wholesale and retail confectionery business with his half-brother, but later sold the retail business and devoted his entire attention to the manufacture of confectionery for fifteen years. Seeking a change of climate and surroundings, he went west and was for two years upon a cattle range. He then returned to Chicago, where he applied his early training and was for three years with the West Chicago Park Commission, acting as assistant secretary. On May 1, 1908, Mr. Ryder came to Vincennes, having acquired an interest in the Dyer Packing Company and has since acted as secretary of the company. This is one of the important concerns of the kind in the country. It employs seventy persons and the output of the plant is twenty-five thousand cans of pork, beans and ketchup per day, the product going to the principal countries of the world.

In 1887 Mr. Ryder was united in marriage to Miss Christina Bannerman, a daughter of John and Christina (McKay) Bannerman, sketches of whom appear elsewhere in this work. Her maternal grandfather, James McKay, was one of the Selkirk settlers, who went to Canada with Lord Selkirk and located at what is now Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. Ryder have an adopted son, Stephen A. Ryder, Jr., who is now six years of age and is a highly promising boy.

Politically Mr. Ryder is identified with the republican party and religiously he endorses the teachings of the Baptist church as those which most nearly follow the commands of the Great Master. He has through life been guided by principles of truth and honor, and from his boyhood has been industrious and persevering in everything he has undertaken. The success which he has achieved has been worthily earned, and he has the satisfaction of possessing the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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#### WILLIAM C. TESCHNER.

Vincennes is fortunate in possessing in its citizenship men not only of fine business talent, capable of directing large affairs successfully, even in the face of keen competition, but also men who are liberally endowed with public spirit and who are ever ready and willing to devote their ability and a goodly portion of their time to the public welfare. Such a man is William C. Teschner, who is a native of this city, born March 28, 1876. His father, Charles

Teschner, was born in Germany in 1849 and, coming to Indiana, has for many years lived in this city, being at the present time custodian of Harrison Park. The mother of our subject was Louise (Berger) Teschner, who was born in Germany in 1851 and is now deceased. Eight children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Teschner, six of whom are now living: Augusta, residing at home; William C., the subject of this record; Martha, now Mrs. Leroy Davis, of Newport, Kentucky; David, also of Newport; Lena, now in the Cincinnati City Hospital studying to become a nurse; and Bertha, a stenographer for the Vincennes Trust Company.

William C. Teschner received his education in the German school of Vincennes, also known as St. John's school. At the age of sixteen he laid aside his school books and entered the service of the Hartman Manufacturing Company, in which he continued for three years, receiving a good introduction to business life. In 1893 he went with the Central Foundry Company and there learned the molder's trade, working for five or six years. After proving his ability in his trade he was advanced to the position of assistant superintendent of the company and was placed in charge of the fitting department. As time passed Mr. Teschner, like many capable young men in all lines of business, came to the conclusion that he could enjoy greater freedom if he were at the head of his own establishment. Accordingly, in 1904, he began independently in the furnace business and has since continued with increasing success in that line and other lines with which he is closely connected. During recent years he has conducted an extensive jobbing business in furnaces, registers and appliances for heating in southern Indiana and Illinois, delivering in carload lots. Two years ago he became interested in a compressed air and vacuum machine, which also does whitewashing and cold-water painting, and he has developed a prosperous business with this machine. He is interested in real estate in the north end and, although not yet thirty-five years of age, through the application of good judgment and industry, he has acquired the foundation of a comfortable fortune.

As indicated above, Mr. Teschner is the happy possessor of talents aside from business capacity. As a musician he has contributed in no small degree toward making lighter the cares of everyday life and is well known to a wide circle of lovers of the "art divine." He is now serving his fourth enlistment as a member of the First Regiment Band, Indiana National Guard, and as bass singer has occupied a place as member of the choir of St. John's church for more than ten years past. He holds three honorable discharges from the military band and is recognized as one of the most useful members of that patriotic organization. The duty of the band, in case of war, is to lead the regiment to battle and later assist in carrying off the wounded, thus being faithful auxiliaries of the Red Cross, whose beneficent work is the admiration of the world. Mr. Teschner is a member of the local Society, No. 366, of the American Federation of Musicians, and has served at various times as secretary and also as president of this organization.

In May, 1904, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Held, who was a native of Vincennes. The great sorrow of his life was the loss of his beloved wife, who was called away in June, 1905. Mr. Teschner is identified with the Knights of Pythias, and the Order of Eagles, having entered the former as a charter member of Vincennes lodge and having served as its first keeper of records and seal. He is also a member of St. John's Benevolent Association, the Travelers Protective Association and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has for a number of years held membership in St. John's Evangelical church and in political matters he is an adherent of the principles of the democratic party. A man of energy and of unusual decision of character, Mr. Teschner has been trained in a school which retains on its rolls no laggards and which calls for the best ability and highest efforts of its disciples. It is in these ranks that are to be found the self-reliant, patriotic workers who have made America supreme in the world today.

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#### CHARLES S. MILLER.

Charles S. Miller has been connected with the business interests of Vincennes for nearly thirty-five years and twenty-seven years ago entered business for himself, in which he still continues. He has been actively identified with the city since his boyhood and one of the interested observers of its progress, contributing his part toward that end. He is a native of Ohio and was born at Springfield in 1859. He is of English descent, his father, John G. Miller, having been born at Hull, England, in 1808. Possessing the laudable ambition to improve his circumstances in life, he emigrated to America where he became a successful contractor and builder. The mother, whose maiden name was Matilda Stout, was a native of Springfield and was born in 1820. Two children came to brighten the household of Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Eliza, now the widow of John Love and the mother of one daughter, Anna; and Charles S. An uncle of our subject, Captain Charles Stout, of Springfield, was one of the brave soldiers who upheld the Union at the time of the Civil war. An uncle by marriage, General Joseph Warren Keifer, of Springfield, is now one of the noted survivors of the Civil war and at seventy-four years of age is a leading member of the house of representatives in Washington, of which he was speaker from 1881 to 1883. He was a man of wonderful bravery in the war and was wounded four times. He was brevetted brigadier general of volunteers for gallant and meritorious service and later as major general of volunteers, the highest position in the army. He is one of the greatest orators of America and also one of its most honored citizens.

Charles S. Miller came to Indiana in his boyhood and was educated in the public schools of Vincennes and in Vincennes University. After leaving the university he entered the employ of Moore & Harris, druggists of this city, and continued with the firm from 1876 until 1883 when he began in the drug



business for himself. In 1902 he added a book store to his business and has since conducted both lines, and by his ability in commercial affairs and gentlemanly address has achieved merited success.

In 1897 Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Dawes, who was born in Vincennes in 1862 and whose father, now deceased, was a contractor and builder. There were four children in the family: Richard L., who lives at Evansville and has two children; William K., of Vincennes; Frank R., also of Vincennes, who is a federal employe and has two children; and Elizabeth, herein mentioned.

Mr. Miller as a result of his study and observation in affairs of the government many years ago accepted the principles of the republican party as those best adapted for a free government and he is a stanch supporter of the party. He accepts the Bible as the revealed word and his name is found upon the rolls of the Presbyterian church. He is a valued member of the A. F. & A. M. and has advanced through the various degrees, being now a Knight Templar. He is also connected with the Royal Arcanum, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Pastime Club of this city. As may be seen, although Mr. Miller is thoroughly interested in his business, to which he has devoted so many years of his life, he is also an active factor in social affairs and as a patriotic citizen has always used his influence in forwarding the permanent welfare of the city and state. In his estimable wife he has found an assistant who has never failed in her duty and who presides over one of the peaceful and happy households of the city. Mr. Miller is known as an honorable, straightforward man, belonging to that class of citizens that adds to the permanency and stability of the community and whose advice in times of emergency it is always safe to follow.

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#### HON. RICHARD JAMES McKENNEY.

Among the prominent citizens of Vincennes who have passed from mortal view but whose memory is kept green in the hearts of those who knew their estimable traits of character, was Hon. Richard J. McKenney. He was for thirty years a resident of this city, and both as a private citizen and public official bore himself in such a way as to reflect the highest credit upon himself and those with whom he was associated. As mayor he proved one of the most capable executives the city has known, exercising his prerogative in the interest of the community and making a record which has never been surpassed in Vincennes for honesty or efficiency. As a financier he was prudent, reliable and far-seeing. He gained a reputation as one of the sagacious men of his time in Knox county, a man whose opinion was often sought and whose advice if followed almost invariably proved the accuracy of his judgment.



Mr. McKenney was born in St. Louis, February 13, 1827, and was a son of Samuel and Jane (Hayes) McKenney. The father was of Scotch descent, but a native of Virginia, his ancestors having come to America in the eighteenth century. He was an Indian trader, and for many years was prominently engaged in that business with headquarters in St. Louis.

Richard J. McKenney received his preliminary training in the parochial schools of St. Louis and under the Jesuit Fathers was educated for the priesthood. However, he felt attracted to a business career and after leaving college he spent eight years in Mexico. Returning home, he removed to Vincennes and became identified with the railroad business, acting as paymaster for a construction company which built the first railroad in this city, and he had charge of the first railway train that entered Vincennes, in July, 1855. Later he was identified with the transfer business in St. Louis, continuing there for three years, after which he went to Cincinnati but, returning to Vincennes in 1860, made this city his permanent home. Here he was prominent in financial affairs and became president of the Vincennes Deposit Bank: He occupied the office of mayor from 1861 to 1863 and also acted as trustee in settlement of the estates of his father-in-law and others. On November 13, 1890, Mr. McKenney was called away at the age of sixty-three years and nine months. The general expression of regret upon the announcement of his death indicated the profound respect in which he was held by the entire community.

On October 17, 1854, Mr. McKenney was united in marriage to Miss Arabella D. Wise, a daughter of John and Hannah (McCall) Wise, the family being among the oldest settlers in this part of the state. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McKenney: Cora, deceased; John, who was an unusually bright boy and died at fourteen years of age; and Marian S., who married J. Napier Dyer. Mrs. McKenney is now living in Vincennes where she has many friends who have been attracted by her kind and loving disposition. Although she has been called upon to pass through the valley of affliction, she has been sustained by a trust founded on Divine promise which to her has been a constant source of support. The snows of many winters have whitened her hair, but they have not affected her heart, and no one appeals to her in vain who needs her assistance or sympathy.

John Wise, the father of Mrs. McKenney, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, on the 17th of October, 1796, of German ancestry, his grandparents having come to this country from Germany at an early day and settled in Pennsylvania. Representatives of the family participated in the Revolutionary war. His parents both died on the same day, leaving a family of eleven children, whom Mr. Wise assisted in caring for until they were able to provide for their own support. After coming to Vincennes he sent for the others as he became able, bringing all of them to this city with the exception of two sisters.

Although his educational advantages were somewhat meager, he became a well informed man and developed a splendid talent for business. It was in 1816 that he arrived in Vincennes, at which time the country was wild and undeveloped and the Indians were very much in evidence. He first opened a saddlery shop and later in connection with his two brothers Samuel and William embarked in the pork packing business, in which he met with most excellent success. The products of his packing house were shipped on flatboats down the river to New Orleans. He also established a stage line between Vincennes, Evansville, Terre Haute, St. Louis and Louisville, carrying both passengers and mail. As time passed he became one of the wealthiest and most influential men of the community, and at his death had amassed a large fortune.

On the 12th of February, 1824, Mr. Wise was united in marriage to Miss Hannah McCall, of Lexington, Kentucky, by whom he had six children, namely: Anna, deceased; Mary, the deceased wife of Jedediah Hebard; William, James and Arabella, all deceased; and Arabella, now Mrs. McKenney. The mother of these children passed away on the 5th of April, 1840, during the infancy of Mrs. McKenney. She was an earnest and faithful member of the Presbyterian church, to which Mr. Wise also belonged, and for some time he served as trustee. In politics he was a lifelong democrat, and was a man who took an active and commendable interest in public affairs. Of fine physique, he was over six feet in height and was a man of exemplary habits, never using intoxicating liquors or tobacco in any form. After a useful and well spent life he passed away on the 13th of August, 1884.

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#### OTTO F. KRAMER.

Many competent business men have been attracted to Vincennes from other states or cities by the advantages here offered in commercial affairs. It is also true that many native sons of Vincennes are in evidence and by their high standing in a field where there is much active competition, have demonstrated their ability and business worth. Otto F. Kramer, who occupies an honorable position in the drug business of Vincennes, is a native of this city and has here passed his life. He was born July 24, 1880. His father, Frank Kramer, was born in this city in 1854, and engaged in the carpenter trade and the mother, Mary E. Ueding before her marriage, also a native of this state, was born in 1856. There were five children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Kramer: Vernie, deceased; Otto F., our subject; Edward J. and Cletus, both at home; and Mary Louise, deceased.

The subject of our review received his preliminary education in the public schools and then attended the high school of the city. After laying his books aside, he became identified with the drug business under Herman

J. Watjen, continuing for twelve and one-half years, during which time he acquired a thorough knowledge of the vocation to which he had determined to devote his life. In 1909 Mr. Kramer began in business on his own account as junior member of the firm of Duesterberg & Kramer, opening up a store at Third and Main streets, and here maintains one of the most complete establishments of the kind in the city. Mr. Kramer thoroughly understands every detail of the business, and has talents of salesmanship which are very desirable qualities for any man who comes daily into contact with the public.

In 1904 our subject was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Rinebold, who was born at St. Francisville, Illinois, in 1883. She is a daughter of John and Julia (De Burssert) Rinebold. Her father was a merchant and is now deceased. Two sons have brightened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kramer: Joseph Cletus, born March 19, 1907; and Robert George, born April 23, 1909.

Mr. Kramer is in sympathy with the democratic party and usually votes for its candidates, although in local affairs he sometimes casts his ballot independent of party ties. He is a valued member of the Catholic church and of affiliated organizations; the Knights of Columbus, and the St. John's Benevolent Society. Socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Foresters and the Harmonie Verein, and has many friends in those organizations. Always energetic and capable, perfectly reliable in his business dealings, Mr. Kramer belongs to that class of self-reliant men who are bound to succeed in whatsoever calling they may engage.

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#### W. F. SMITH, M. D.

For nineteen years Dr. W. F. Smith has engaged in the practice of medicine in Vincennes and the fact that he has remained here for so long a period is at once proof that a liberal practice has been accorded him. He is numbered among Kentucky's native sons, his birth having occurred in the city of Uniontown on the 9th of July, 1853. His parents were Isaac and Matilda (Harris) Smith, the former a farmer who removed from Kentucky to Indiana and spent his remaining days in agricultural pursuits in this state. His widow still survives him and is now living in Owensville, Indiana.

At the age when most boys begin their education, Dr. Smith became a pupil in the country schools and prepared for college at Valparaiso, Indiana. He afterward engaged in teaching for a short period and later turned his attention to the drug business in Cynthiana, following that pursuit for about three years. His interest was thus awakened in the study of medicine and, resolving to make its practice his life work, he began reading and later entered the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio,

where he pursued the regular course and was graduated with the class of 1886. He then began practice in Cynthiana and subsequently came to Vincennes, where he has made his home continuously since 1891. He is deeply interested in everything that pertains to his profession and its progress and by reading keeps in touch with the thought of its most advanced and progressive representatives.

Dr. Smith has been married twice. In 1873 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Rose Williams and unto them were born a son and daughter. Raymond, who is a graduate of Butler University of Indianapolis; of the Vincennes University; and of Yale University, and is now a minister of the gospel, married Miss Grace Clifford and has one son, Raymond C., now two years of age. The daughter, Minnie, is the wife of Henry Merchant. For his second wife Dr. Smith chose Sarepta Wise, and they have three children: Frank, a baker, who married Effie Williams and lives at Lawrenceville, Illinois; Estella, the wife of O. P. Church; and Lawrence, a baker, at Cairo, Illinois.

Dr. Smith and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and his life has ever conformed to its teachings. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and is in sympathy with all of the principles which tend to uplift man and promote forbearance, kindness and helpfulness. These qualities are often manifest in his professional service, and it is well known that Dr. Smith will give generously of his time and professional aid where no remuneration is to be expected.

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#### L. PARK COLENBAUGH.

Among the prosperous business men of Vincennes who have attained a responsible and honorable position by their own efforts and may therefore be called self-made men is L. Park Colenbaugh, a well known wholesale confectioner and cigar dealer. He comes of good fighting stock, his grandfather Colenbaugh having taken an active part in both the Mexican and Civil wars. His father, Jeremiah Colenbaugh, was a native of Indiana, born on a farm in 1853 and was associated in recent years with his son in business. The mother, who was before her marriage Melissa Hubbell, was also born in Indiana in 1853 and was educated in the common schools and in a high school of Greene county. In the family were two children: L. Park, our subject; and Zona Pearl, who became the wife of R. C. Hannum, and died in 1908.

Educated in the public schools, L. Park Colenbaugh was early attracted to a business career and became identified with a wholesale grocery firm for which he traveled for fourteen years, visiting various parts of the country and acquiring a knowledge of human nature and of business affairs which cannot be learned from books. In the meantime, however, he determined when opportunity presented to establish himself independently and in 1906 he re-

tired from the road and opened a wholesale confectionery and cigar business at No. 321 North Second street, in which he has continued with steadily increasing success.

In 1896 Mr. Colenbaugh was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Lulu M. Balue, who was born in Illinois in 1875. Her father died during her childhood, but the beloved mother, Mrs. Mary Balue, is still living and makes her home with our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Colenbaugh are the parents of one son, Max, born December 27, 1898, and now preparing to enter the high school.

Mr. Colenbaugh has had unusually favorable opportunities for studying the political conditions in various states and as a result of his observation has become a stanch republican and is an earnest advocate of the principles of his party. He holds membership in the Methodist church and socially is identified with the Masonic Order, the Knights of Pythias, the United Commercial Travelers Association and the Royal Arcanum. He has found in his wife a worthy helpmate who by sympathy and cooperation has greatly lightened the burdens of business life which the head of the family each day is obliged to assume. Mr. Colenbaugh by his energy, good judgment and pleasing address has built up a flourishing trade and he is justly esteemed by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances on account of his sterling qualities. He is recognized as an active and progressive citizen whose aim it is not only to advance his own interests but to assist to the extent of his ability in advancing the permanent welfare of the city and state.

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#### ANTON SIMON.

Anton Simon, who is widely known as a brewer and business man of Vincennes, belongs among the citizens of foreign birth who have adopted America as their home. He first opened his eyes to the light of day in 1848, in the Province of Alsace, France, and is a son of Peter and Barbara (Rish) Simon, who were both natives of France; the father being a hotel keeper. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Simon; Anton, our subject; Leo of Vincennes, who is married and is the father of five children; and Laura, who lives in Roumania.

Anton Simon was educated in his native country but after arriving at manhood he became convinced, from reading and by meeting countrymen who had visited America, that the land of the stars and stripes offered inducements to ambitious young men not found elsewhere in the world. His own province is one of the densely populated regions of Europe and there the son is expected to follow in the steps of the father and lines of distinction between classes in society are sharply drawn. Anton Simon longed for independence and the opportunity of working out his own salvation through his innate ability. So in 1862, at the age of thirteen years, he bade farewell to

friends and family scenes, and crossed the ocean, landing at New York, and proceeding westward to Vincennes where he has since lived. At the time of his arrival the country was in the second year of the great Civil war and all lines of mercantile business had received an upward impulse which has continued with temporary fluctuations ever since. Mr. Simon was employed in a dry-goods store for one year and then was identified with a confectionery establishment for a number of years, but entering the brewery business in partnership with Eugene Hack in 1874, he has ever since been closely identified with this branch of industry, to which he has devoted the principal energies of his life. He is also connected with a number of other lines of activity and is at present vice president of the Vincennes Trust Company and a director of the Knox Building Association and the Hartman Plow Works. Mr. Simon is regarded by his business associates as a man of unusually safe judgment in financial matters and his advice is often sought by citizens and friends desiring to proceed along the most approved lines of investment.

In 1876 Mr. Simon was united in marriage to Miss Anna Weissenberger, who was born in 1856, a daughter of George W. and Anna (Fox) Weissenberger, of this city. Four children brightened the household of Mr. and Mrs. Simon: Anna Clara, at home; Eugene A., a Catholic priest at Snake Run near Fort Branch, this state; Louis J. and Marie Cecile, both at home.

Mr. Simon adheres to the democratic party, believing that its principles are best adapted for the perpetuity of a free government. He is a lifelong member of the Catholic church and also holds membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. As a business man and citizen he has made many friends during his experience of forty-eight years in this city. He has witnessed many important changes in Knox county and throughout this region and is now enjoying the advantages which have resulted from the great increase in population and wealth of the last half-century. Looking back over the past, Mr. Simon sees no reason to regret that he decided to make his home in America, offering as it does an asylum to millions who have here realized their dreams of financial independence.

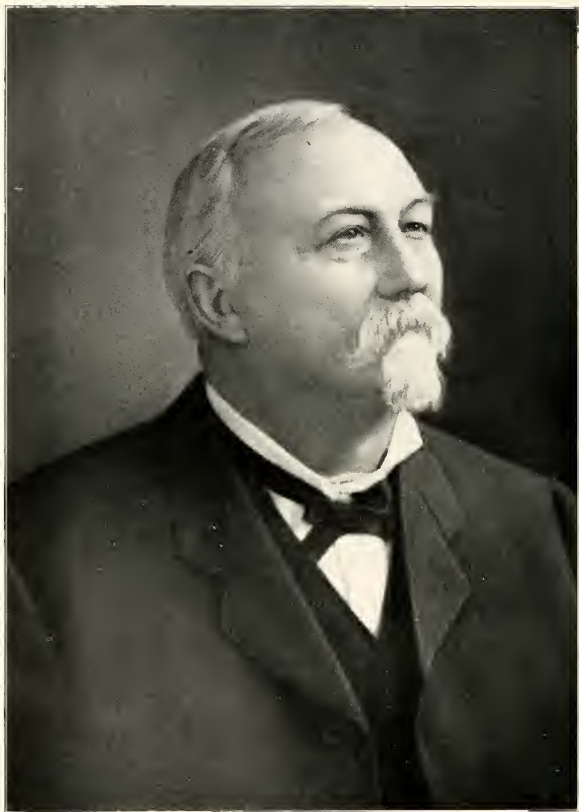
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### EUGENE HACK.

While preeminently a business man, his time being largely devoted to the successful conduct of a brewery, Mr. Hack is nevertheless an active factor in public affairs of the community and has cooperated in many movements which have been directly beneficial to Vincennes. He has therefore come to be known as a citizen of worth and through the long years of his residence here he has gained many friends.

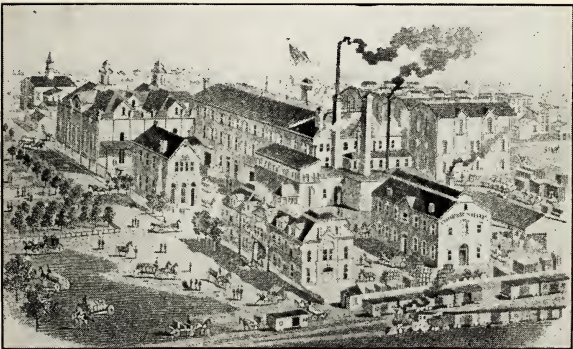
He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, November 18, 1839, a son of Joseph and Anna (Mischel) Hack. The schools of his native country af-





EUGENE HACK





BUILDINGS OF HACK & SIMON BREWING COMPANY



forded him his educational privileges and after putting aside his text-books he turned his attention to merchandising. In 1867 he came to the United States and entered the employ of Edward Weisert, who had previously been a resident of Wurtemberg, Germany, and was well acquainted with the Hack family. It was through his influence that Eugene Hack came to the United States, Mr. Weisert reporting favorably concerning the opportunities and advantages offered in this land. After seven years spent in the service of Mr. Weisert, Mr. Hack joined Anton Simon in organizing the Hack & Simon Brewing Company which was established on the 1st of January, 1875. They began business in a small way and the trade of the house has increased until the firm name of Hack & Simon is now widely known because of the superior order of their product. They have a well equipped plant, supplied with the latest improved machinery, while every attention is paid to cleanliness as well as to composition.

While a very busy man in connection with the conduct of the brewery, Mr. Hack finds time to interest himself in public affairs relating to the welfare of the city. He served for twelve years as a member of the city council and exercised his official prerogative in support of many measures introduced for the benefit of Vincennes. For fifteen years he has been a member of the school board and the cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion. While serving as alderman he was made a member of the building committee, and to Mr. Hack more than to any other man Vincennes is indebted for the erection of the fine city hall which is certainly a most creditable public building. Moreover, it was erected at a reasonable cost, Mr. Hack financing the proposition. He gave to it the same earnest attention and watchful care that he has manifested in the control of his private business interests and as a result there was no useless expenditure of time, labor or material.

In 1873 Mr. Hack was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Hackman, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and unto them have been born the following children: Claire, who died at the age of two years; Clarissa, now the wife of C. E. Johnson, of this city; Julius M., who is engaged in business with his father; Otto A., who is a graduate of Princeton College and of the New York Law School, and is now a prosperous lawyer of this city; Cecelia; Bertha; and Mary. The children have all been liberally educated, Mr. Hack realizing the advantage and value of broad mental training as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties.

Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a fine type of the German-American citizen, is genial and kindly in manner, charitable and generous in disposition. Those who have had business dealings with him find him reliable while those who meet him socially entertain for him the utmost regard. Vincennes owes much to her citizens of German birth, many of whom in the various walks of civil, business and private life have conspicuously illustrated the peculiar characteristics of their native land and have won recognition in the home of their adoption as

broad-minded and able men. Among this number Mr. Hack occupies a praiseworthy position as a type of the foreign born citizen, fully imbued with the spirit of American institutions and thoroughly devoted to the best interests of the community with which he has long been identified.

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### FREDERICK SAMONIAL.

Frederick Samonial remained throughout the period of his residence in Vincennes a representative and valued citizen, his life characterized by those faculties which bring success and many friendships. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, in the year 1840, a son of Frederick and Margaret Samonial. The father was a tanner and leather manufacturer of Louisville, who ranked with the prominent and progressive business men of that city. The family moved to Mount Carmel, Illinois, and Mr. Samonial established a tannery in that city, which he conducted up to the time of his death.

Frederick Samonial, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in the public schools of Louisville and after putting aside his textbooks worked with his father in the leather manufactory for a time, thus receiving his initial business experience. He afterward went to Mount Carmel, Illinois, where he assisted his father in the conduct of the tanyard, later moving to Vincennes, where he accepted a position with Frank Fay, who was engaged in the transfer business, as superintendent. Subsequently he purchased the business, which he conducted successfully on his own account. He afterward engaged in the coal business, which he conducted at the corner of First and Busseron streets in Vincennes, to which city he had removed about 1864. He was located there for some time and subsequently secured the location where the business is now conducted, where Main street is intersected by the Vandalia Railroad. He was very successful in the coal business, building up a splendid trade, his promptness, enterprise and thoroughly trustworthy methods constituting the secret of his prosperity.

In community affairs Mr. Samonial was always deeply interested and wherever possible gave his aid and cooperation to movements which he deemed essential to the public good. For two terms he was township trustee of Vincennes township and later was elected to the position of county commissioner of Knox county, in which office he was continued by re-election for eight years, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity and with unquestioned loyalty to the best interests of the community.

In 1872 Mr. Samonial was married to Miss Delia Quinn, a daughter of Patrick and Mary Quinn, both of whom were natives of Ireland but never left that land. Mrs. Samonial was born on the Emerald isle and came to America in 1865. By her marriage she became the mother of four children. Charles E., the only son, is now his father's successor in business. He was educated in Vincennes and after graduating from the high school became his

father's assistant in managing and conducting the coal yard and upon him devolved the control of the business upon the father's death. He has proved himself an enterprising business man, his capability being manifest in the large trade which is accorded him. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Pastime and Harmony Clubs. Mayme, a graduate of St. Rose Academy, is at home. Margaret, who was also educated at St. Rose Academy, is the wife of Theodore Frank, a merchant tailor of Vincennes, and they have one child, Mary C. Helen, the youngest of the family, is the wife of Elmore Blann, a farmer of Oaktown.

While the children are all living, the family circle was broken by the hand of death on the 6th of February, 1909, when the husband and father passed away at the age of about sixty-nine. His personal qualities endeared him to those with whom he came in contact and those whom he met gave to him their friendship and warm regard.

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#### C. L. BOYD, M. D.

Dr. C. L. Boyd, recognizing fully the obligations and responsibilities which devolve upon him in his professional capacity, discharges all duties with a sense of conscientious obligation that has made his professional work a matter of entire satisfaction to his many patrons. He is well known in Vincennes and throughout Knox county, where his ancestors have lived from pioneer times. He was born in Palmyra township, this county, on the 22d of October, 1877, and is of Scotch lineage. His grandfather, John T. Boyd, became one of the earliest settlers of this part of the state, removing with his family from Virginia and taking up his abode in Knox county when much of the land in this district was still in possession of the government and when the work of improvement and development seemed scarcely begun. Among his children was Leroy Boyd, who became a farmer and stockman, owning and cultivating a good tract of land that constituted the farm upon which Dr. Boyd was born and reared. He married Volender Hornback and in order to provide for his family engaged in tilling the soil, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation.

Spending his youthful days in his parents' home, Dr. Boyd began his education in the district schools near the old farmstead and later continued his studies in the preparatory department of De Pauw University at Greencastle. He then took the regular college course and was graduated in 1899. His professional education was acquired in the New York University and Bellevue Hospital, New York city, and broad practical experience came to him through two years' service as interne in the City Hospital of New York. He was afterward interne in the New York Lying-In Hospital for a short period, after which he returned to his native county and settled in Vincennes,

where he entered upon the active practice of his profession. He has made steady progress as his fellow townsmen have come to recognize his ability to cope with the involved and intricate problems that continually confront the physician. He is very careful in the diagnosis of his cases and the excellent results which follow his professional labors show that his judgment is sound and that his methods are practical and resultant. He belongs to the local, county and state medical societies and also to the Lancet Club.

In more strictly fraternal relations Dr. Boyd is connected with the Sigma Chi and also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Royal Arch degree. He has a wide acquaintance in this the county of his nativity and his stanchest friends are among those who have known him from his boyhood to the present.

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#### ELLIS H. TADE, M. D.

Five years ago Dr. Ellis H. Tade began the practice of his profession in Knox county. He soon gained the confidence of the people and today he enjoys a lucrative practice which is constantly growing, and is in a high degree creditable to one so recently established. He is a native of this county and comes of a family of pioneers whose name has been well known in Knox and adjoining counties from the early days of the state. He was born here, October 27, 1879, a son of Samuel T. and Louisa C. (Williams) Tade, the former of whom was born at Bruceville, Indiana, January 22, 1854, and departed this life December 1, 1896. He received his education in the public schools and continued upon the home farm until he was twenty-three years of age and then began farming for himself. Later he learned the carpenter's trade and assisted very materially in the construction of houses in the community, being a man of energetic temperament and good judgment in anything he undertook. Politically, he affiliated with the democratic party, and socially he held membership in the Knights of Honor and was a thorough believer in the beautiful teachings of that order. He accepted the Bible as the inspired word, and for many years up to the time of his death was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. The grandfather of our subject was John Tade, also a native of Knox county. He married Mary A. Small and they were among the first settlers in the vicinity of Bruceville. Mary Small as a girl came to Knox county with her parents at a time when the country, now occupied by beautiful farms, was covered with a dense forest, and there was little evidence that it would ever become one of the most flourishing districts in the state. The Tade family has performed an important part in subduing the wilderness and reducing nature to the uses of man. In Indiana the name will ever be held in the highest esteem, recalling as it does

the trials and privations of the pioneers through whose efforts we are able to possess the comforts and conveniences of today. There were nine children in the family of which Samuel T. Tade was a member and he was the third in order of birth. He was married in 1877, the parents of his wife being John and Mary (Dellinger) Williams, who were identified for many years with the farming interests of the county and whose home was brightened by the arrival of seven children, five of whom are now living.

Dr. Tade received his early education in the district schools of Knox county and after attending the high school of Wheatland he entered the Medico-Chirurgical College of Kansas City, Missouri, where he remained for one year. Returning to his native state, he became a student in the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis, and after a course of three years in the various branches of medicine and surgery, he was graduated in 1905, with the degree of M. D. Upon leaving college he began practice in Knox county, and by the successful application of the principles of his profession he has gained a large patronage in Steen, Harrison and Palmyra townships, as well as in portions of the adjoining county of Daviess. He owns his home in Wheatland and possesses an interest in forty-six acres of farming land in this county.

On August 17, 1904, Dr. Tade was united in marriage to Miss Ethel P. Black, a daughter of H. C. and Mandy (Donaldson) Black, of Knox county. Two children have blessed the union, Lillian Eltruda and Helen Marguerite.

The doctor is affiliated with the democratic party, and although he has not been an anxious seeker for official honors, he is now serving as trustee of the township, having entered upon a term of four years, beginning in 1909. Socially he is connected with Wheatland Lodge, No. 292, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Wheatland Lodge, No. 4930, Modern Woodmen of America. He is recognized as a man of high character, thoroughly qualified for the difficult profession in which he is engaged, and he has fairly earned the honorable position which he occupies in the estimation of his fellow citizens.

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#### PETER R. MCCARTHY.

Peter R. McCarthy, universally recognized in Vincennes as one of its most popular citizens, is a native of the Emerald isle. He was born in the parish of Fackle, County Clare, on the 10th day of March, 1849, and is a son of Michael and Bridget (O'Connors) McCarthy. The mother died when our subject was in his early boyhood, and the father came to America with his children in 1860, seeking here opportunities for himself and family which were not available in the old country. He was an honest, industrious man, and became section foreman of the Missouri Pa-

cific Railway and was killed by one of the trains upon that road near Leavenworth City, Kansas.

The subject of this review was educated in the public schools and early came into contact with the stern realities of the world. He entered the railway service and for some years acted as engineer on the old Ohio & Mississippi Railway, now the Baltimore & Ohio road. After ten years of experience with the railway, he became assistant chief of the fire department of Vincennes and in this position he continued with great acceptance to the city government and the people for nine years. He had become interested in politics, and in 1879 was elected city treasurer, being reelected two years later without opposition. He served for four years in this position, proving one of the most efficient officials at the head of the financial department that the city has known. In 1875 Mr. McCarthy became owner of the Vincennes Galvanized Iron Works, manufacturers of roofing and all kinds of cornice, galvanized iron and copper work, etc., and he has ever since continued at the head of this establishment, which many years ago became one of the substantial business enterprises of Vincennes and under his management has gained a reputation which extends outside the limits of Knox county.

On April 4, 1871, Mr. McCarthy was united in marriage to Miss Mary O. Dubois, who was born in Vincennes in 1850 and is a daughter of Henry H. and Lydia (Watson) Dubois, both natives of this city. The family bears an honored name in Indiana and Illinois. The great-grandfather, Major Tousant Dubois, guided George Rogers Clark up the Wabash river to Fort Sackville previous to the time of the Revolutionary war and served with distinction in that noted expedition. An uncle of Mrs. McCarthy, Jesse K. Dubois, was auditor of the state of Illinois for eight years and a cousin, F. T. Dubois, served as United States senator from the state of Idaho. To Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy nine children have been born: Ella, the wife of John J. Murphy, president of the Murphy Distilling Company, of Vincennes; Mary Agnes, the wife of Peter Gilchrist, chief engineer of the Murphy Distilling Company and mother of two children, a son and a daughter; John H., foreman in his father's shop, who married Ella King and is the father of one daughter; Babe, who became the wife of Charles Edmonds, and is now deceased; George and Michael, both deceased; Alice, of South Dakota, who is the wife of Charles B. Cunningham and has two children; Peter Gaddis, at home; and Francis Patrick, also at home. The daughter, Mrs. Edmonds, left two daughters, who are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Murphy.

Mr. McCarthy ever since arriving at years of maturity has been actively identified with the democratic party, and has been a leading factor in its councils in Knox county for many years. For four years, from 1882 to 1886, he served as chairman of the county central committee, and from 1905 to 1909 acted as township trustee. He is affiliated with the Catholic church, of which he has been trustee for twenty-seven years, and



he is also connected with a number of fraternal organizations, serving as first grand knight of the Knights of Columbus and one of the fathers of the council of Vincennes Council, No. 712. He was first president of the Eagles lodge, serving for two terms in that capacity, and at the present time is filling the office of grand district deputy president. He is past sachem of the Improved Order of Red Men and district deputy great sachem. He is a member of Lodge No. 291, B. P. O. E., in which he holds the title of past exalted ruler and district deputy grand exalted ruler of southern Indiana. He has also been prominently connected for many years with the Catholic Knights of America, serving for eight years as state president, and he is now president of local branch No. 256. Mr. McCarthy has especially been fortunate in a life companion, and he has found in his wife a true and loving associate, who has made their home, over which she has presided for nearly forty years, the abode of peace and true hospitality. By a consistent career, crowned with useful and helpful acts, Mr. McCarthy has constantly added to his own happiness and increased the happiness of others, and difficult indeed would it be to find anywhere a man more generally respected and beloved in the community where he lives than the honored gentleman whose name stands at the head of this review.

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### JOHN H. BRUCE.

One of the most interesting pioneers of Knox county, if not of the state of Indiana, is John H. Bruce, of Bruceville, now eighty-four years of age, and living on his farm which he manages as easily as a man twenty-five years younger than himself. He was born in Washington township, Knox county, August 17, 1826, and is a son of William and Hetty R. Bruce, the former of whom was a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Kentucky. The father came to the region now known as Knox county in 1800 and rented five acres of land near Vincennes at five dollars an acre. After a short stay he returned to Kentucky, but in 1805, again being attracted northward, he came to Knox county and entered two hundred acres of land in Washington township. Here he erected a rude log cabin in which he lived until 1811, when he built a brick house which is still standing and is now one hundred years old. He cultivated his farm until his death which occurred when he was seventy-seven years of age, in 1854. The mother was called away fourteen years later, in 1868.

John H. Bruce had little opportunity for school training as he grew up in the early pioneer period. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age when, having a laudable curiosity to see other parts of the world, he went down the Mississippi river to New Orleans and after staying there awhile came up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to Kansas City, then a

thriving village on the borders of civilization. While at Kansas City he assisted in clearing the land on the spot now occupied by the metropolis of the Missouri Valley. In November, 1897, having seen enough of the south and west, he returned home and applied himself with such diligence to study that he was granted a teacher's certificate and taught in the district schools for four years. Having taken unto himself a life companion, he rented a farm for five years and then bought twenty-five acres which he cultivated for eleven years. His next venture was in the mercantile business at Bruceville, but after an experience of eight years he sold out and bought the old home farm of eighty acres where he has since lived. Thirty-five acres of the place he has laid out in town lots, the land having become too valuable for farming purposes. He has made many improvements upon his farm and is greatly attached to it on account of associations extending back for many years.

In 1850 Mr. Bruce was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Threlkeld, a daughter of James and Sally Threlkeld, natives of Pennsylvania. Four children came to bless their union: E. Bruce, who became a physician and departed this life in 1895; Mrs. Sally H. McClure, who is married and lives in Bruceville; Hetty B., deceased in 1890; and Cora May, who died in 1862 at the age of four years.

Mr. Bruce, notwithstanding his advanced age, still enjoys a fair degree of health, but his wife, who has reached the age of eighty-five years, was stricken with blindness about a year ago. She bears up bravely under this affliction, being sustained by an unalterable trust in a Providence that directs all things aright. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce are members of the Church of Christ at Bruceville, the town being named in honor of the father of our subject. Politically Mr. Bruce is in sympathy with the republican party and has held several public offices of responsibility, serving for five years, from 1855, as clerk of Washington township, six years as assessor and four years as trustee. He has acted as administrator of fourteen estates and settled same on a basis highly satisfactory to those concerned. His life has been synonymous with honorable dealing and strict adherence to duty and as a result he has always possessed the respect of the people of the entire community.

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#### GEORGE W. MAYFIELD, M. D.

Dr. George W. Mayfield, for eighteen years past a successful practitioner of Knox county, was born at Bruceville, Indiana, December 12, 1856. He is a son of Dr. John and Elizabeth Mayfield, both of whom were natives of Indiana. The father came to Bruceville in 1852, immediately after graduating from Rush Medical College of Chicago. Here he practiced until the beginning of the Civil war, when he moved to a farm two miles west of town and devoted his attention to agricultural and stock-

raising interests for ten years. At the end of this period he returned to Bruceville and reentered the practice of his profession, which he continued until his death, which occurred January 23, 1905. He was a man of good education and he attained a reputation as a public-spirited citizen and an able physician. The beloved mother is still living, at the age of eighty-three years, and visits around among her eight children, whose names are: Mrs. Helen Hill, Mrs. M. Stiffy, Mrs. Stella Ward, Joseph B. Mayfield, John T. Mayfield, Mrs. Kate Holmes, Elizabeth Mayfield and George W., subject of this sketch.

George W. Mayfield received his preliminary education in the public schools of Bruceville and remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he began his active career as a school-teacher. After ten years' experience in the schoolroom, during which he gained many valuable lessons that have assisted him materially in his later life, he engaged in the brick and tile business, in which he continued for four years. Purchasing the stock of the Bruceville Drug Company, he was identified with the drug business for six years, in the course of which he decided to follow in the footsteps of his father and to devote his life to the healing art. Accordingly he disposed of the drug store and entered the Louisville Medical College of Louisville, Kentucky, where he was a student for one year, then transferring his allegiance to the Kentucky School of Medicine, in which institution he pursued the regular course for two years, graduating in 1892 with the degree of M. D. He also took a course in chemistry, for which he received a diploma in 1891. Since 1892 he has been in active practice at Bruceville, in the same community with which his father was identified for many years.

On the 4th of October, 1880, Dr. Mayfield was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Gude, a daughter of Captain Alfred and Mary Jane Gude, both of whom were natives of Indiana. Five children have blessed the union: Hattie G., now twenty-eight years of age and successfully engaged in the teaching of music; Mrs. Susie S. Beckes, of Jackson, Mississippi; Georgie, deceased March 27, 1891; Joseph B., aged sixteen; and Bonnie J., aged fourteen.

Dr. Mayfield is a member of the United States pension examining board of Knox county and also of the Knox County Medical Society and the Bicknell Medical Society. Fraternally he is connected with Bruceville Lodge, No. 547, I. O. O. F., of Bruceville, the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 517 of the same place and Bruceville Lodge, No. 5007, M. W. A. Politically he is in hearty sympathy with the principles of the republican party. He is a member of the Methodist church and by virtue of education, experience and natural qualifications he has attained recognition as one of the prominent men of Knox county.

In the course of an active life he has discharged his various responsibilities in such a way as to gain and retain the confidence of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Although thirty-six years of age before he

began to practice, he soon won an enviable place in the estimation of the community and time has shown that the confidence then reposed in him was not misplaced. No man in Knox county is more highly respected by those with whom he associates than Dr. George W. Mayfield.

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### THOMAS EASTHAM.

Nature seems to have intended that a period of rest shall follow a life of busy activity. In early manhood one is filled with the vigor, hope and ambition of youth, and in later manhood energy and enterprise are widened by a sound judgment that is the result of experience. Labor, therefore, becomes more effective and results more sure, and if the individual is diligent and determined he may gain a competence that will enable him in his later years to live retired. Such is the record of Thomas Eastham, who at one time was a prosperous lumberman of Vincennes and has long been a well known citizen here. He now resides at 320 North Fourth street, where he is pleasantly located, the fruits of his former toil supplying him with all the necessities and some of the luxuries of life.

Mr. Eastham was born in Nelson county, Kentucky, February 25, 1835, and is the son of Isaac Newton and Eliza (Sweets) Eastham. The father was a mail contractor, who for a considerable period had the contract with the United States government for carrying the mail. He was born in Illinois, but when a young man went to Kentucky, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of that section of the state in which he made his home. He came to Knox county, Indiana, in 1851, and had a contract for the mail between Louisville and St. Louis for twenty years. He remained a resident of Vincennes, passing away here in 1871. His wife's death had occurred at a previous date.

Thomas Eastham acquired his early education in Kentucky and was sixteen years of age when his parents removed to Indiana. He worked with his father for about six years, after which he took contracts on his own account, continuing in the business for six years. He then turned his attention to farming and to the livery business, carefully, systematically and successfully cultivating his fields and managing his barn. Later however, he sold his farm and engaged in the lumber business, in which he was very successful, building up an extensive and profitable trade, his annual sales reaching a large figure, and at length bringing to him the success which has enabled him to put aside further business cares and live retired.

On the 4th of January, 1861, Mr. Eastham was married to Miss Lydia N. Burnett, a representative of a very prominent family of Knox county, who came to Indiana from Cleveland, Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Eastham have been born three children who are yet living: Stephen S., who is engaged in the laundry business in Vincennes; Kate, the wife of John T. Boyd; and

Alice E., the wife of William Hengen. They reside in Iowa, and have three children: Jennie, Catharine and Rosma. Mr. and Mrs. Eastham lost one child Jessie, who married and died leaving a daughter, Lydia Jane.

Not only did Mr. Eastham become widely and favorably known as a successful lumber dealer, but was also active in public affairs, and for three terms was elected to and capably filled the office of city treasurer, proving a worthy custodian of municipal funds. Integrity has ever been one of the crowning features of his career, and was as strongly manifest in his official service as in business relations and private life. He has ever favored progress along any line that tends to uplift man, and has labored earnestly and continuously for the general welfare. His fellow townsmen respect and admire him for what he has accomplished, and he well deserves representation among the leading citizens of Knox county.

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#### GEORGE H. HOKE.

George H. Hoke, who is now living retired on a beautiful farm in Widener township, Knox county, is truly regarded as one of the prosperous and successful men of the county, with which he has been identified for fifty-one years. He was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, December 14, 1833, and is a son of Jacob and Rose Ann (Brentlinger) Hoke, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, the father having been born in Jefferson county in 1807. The parents came to Indiana shortly after their marriage and settled in Sullivan county, where he prospered highly as a farmer and became owner of one thousand acres of land.

The subject of this review was educated in the subscription schools of Sullivan county and continued at home until twenty-six years of age, when he was married and removed to Knox county. Here he began farming on his own account upon one hundred and fifty acres of land, which was later given him by his father. With this land as a nucleus he labored diligently, increasing his possessions as opportunity offered, and at the present time he owns four hundred and eighty-five acres of land in Knox and Sullivan counties and occupies an enviable position in the farming community. The residence in which he lives is a commodious, neat and substantial building and the barns and outbuildings on the farm are equal to the best in the township. He has also improved his place by planting shade and ornamental trees. The fences are in repair, the land is well tiled and no pains or expense have been spared to make the farm thoroughly productive and one that yields a good income on the investment.

In 1859 Mr. Hoke was united in marriage to Miss Mary Pierce. Three children were born to the union, one of whom, William, is now living. Mrs. Hoke having departed this life in 1867, Mr. Hoke was again married October 20, 1870, his second union being with Mary M. Polk, by whom he had

three children: Anna, deceased; Rosa; and Charlie. The mother of these children died in August, 1882, and on the 23d of December, 1884, Mr. Hoke married Miss Alice Scanling, who was born July 18, 1853, and is a daughter of John and Emma (Roe) Scanling. This union has been blessed by one child, Glendora.

Mr. Hoke has always taken a vital interest in the welfare of the region in which he lives and for several years served as township supervisor. He is a staunch believer in the Bible and holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he is a liberal contributor. Although he has passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey, Mr. Hoke is still blessed with good health for one of his age and his business qualifications are as bright as those of a man of fifty. He has led a life of great application and industry and now in peace and abundance enjoys the fruits of many years of toil. Having dealt fairly with others in his business career, he has made many friends in Knox county and everybody has a good word to say of George H. Hoke.

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#### ANTHONY HESS.

The owner of a well cultivated farm in Knox county and one of the staunch members of the community, Anthony Hess has clearly attained a commendable degree of success in life. He was born in Knox county in 1864 and is a son of Joseph and Thersia (Hudock) Hess. The father was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, Germany. After arriving at the estate of manhood, feeling that more favorable opportunities were presented in the United States than he could expect under the conditions of a long settled country, he came to America, locating in Knox county. He was an industrious and energetic man and in the course of years, through his perseverance and good management, he acquired a fine farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres. He was a devout member of the German Catholic church and was called to his reward October 3, 1907, his beloved wife having been called from earthly scenes ten years previously.

Anthony Hess was the eldest of a family of six children. He was educated in St. John's parochial school of Vincennes and after laying aside his books worked for various farmers by the day until 1892 when he purchased eighty acres of land in section 16, Johnson township. He has made all of the improvements, erecting a substantial house and barn, clearing sixty acres and bringing the farm to a high state of cultivation so that now he may depend upon a handsome annual income as the result of his labors. He carries on general farming and is usually able to receive a good price for the products of his place.

In 1890 Mr. Hess was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Kaiser, a daughter of Theodore and Mary Kaiser, of Knox county. The father was

a cooper by trade and made his home in Vincennes. Nine children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hess: Emma, Frank, Elsie, Corinne, Sophia, Lawrence, Mary M., Anthony and Raymond.

Mr. Hess holds membership in St. Thomas Catholic church and is an active worker in behalf of its various interests, having served as trustee of the organization. As head of a large and promising family, Mr. Hess has devoted his attention closely to his children and his farm and has had little time to give to politics. However, he is in sympathy with the democratic party and always exercises his right as an American citizen at the polls. He belongs to that class of industrious, energetic and honest men who give dignity to their vocation and are respected by all with whom they come in contact.

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### WATTS BOND.

Watts Bond, a well known representative of mercantile interests in the enterprising little city of Oaktown, is a native of Shenandoah county, Virginia, born on the 4th of May, 1831. Few men of his years remain actively in business and his record should put to shame many a man of less resolute spirit who, grown weary of the responsibilities of business life, attempts to relegate to others the burdens that he should bear.

Mr. Bond has lived in Indiana since 1837, coming to this state with his parents, his father engaging in farming on Shaker Prairie in Busseron township. A year later, however, the father died, at which time Adam Bond, the only brother of our subject, took charge of the farm. It was upon the old homestead that Watts Bond was reared and his education was such as the country school afforded. At the age of twenty he left school and concentrated all of his time and energies upon assisting his brother in the farm work. When twenty-one years of age he rented a tract of land on Shaker Prairie and continued its cultivation for eight years. During that period he won substantial success, so that at the end of the time he had a sum of money sufficient to enable him to purchase one hundred and seventy-five acres of land, investing his capital in the locality in which he was already living. He then carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1861, when he sold the farm and removed to Oaktown. Four years later he embarked in merchandising and has since been connected with the commercial interests of the city, conducting a well appointed store in which he carries a large line of goods of modern manufacture, for which he finds a ready sale.

In 1867 Mr. Bond was united in marriage to Miss Sallie Bratton, a native of Xenia, Ohio. Theirs is a beautiful residence of Oaktown and in addition to this property Mr. Bond owns four hundred acres of rich, productive and valuable land in Busseron township. He has been very successful and his prosperity indicates what may be accomplished when firm purpose and un-

faltering determination supplement industry and diligence. He has been a resident of the county for seventy-three years and few among its citizens have been familiar with its history and upbuilding for so long a period. He has ever been deeply interested in those things which pertain to the public welfare and has given active and helpful support and cooperation to many measures for the general good.

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### WILLIAM N. ROBESON.

While making his home in Vincennes, William N. Robeson is very extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising, being associated with his brother in the ownership, cultivation and conduct of farms comprising about thirteen hundred and twenty-five acres just across the river in Illinois. He is classed with the progressive and representative business men of this section of the state, his sound judgment being manifest in the success which has rewarded his labors. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 23d of June, 1860, and is a son of W. R. and Margaret (Caldwell) Robeson. Both the Robesons and Caldwells came to Indiana from Butler county, Ohio, where the families had settled in pioneer times. The father was a prosperous and prominent citizen there and in 1876 removed with his family to the Wabash valley, where he secured large tracts of land and carried on farming on an extensive scale.

In his youthful days William N. Robeson became a pupil in the public schools of Ohio near Overpeck and was a youth of sixteen at the time of the removal to Indiana. He then completed his education in Vincennes. He has since been identified with agricultural pursuits and is associated with his brother Robert L. in a partnership. They own about thirteen hundred and twenty-five acres of land just across the river in Illinois. The greater part of this is under cultivation, although there is some pasture and some timber land. The fields are rich and productive and return splendid crops, for the brothers are progressive in their methods of farming and do everything possible to keep the land in good condition through the rotation of crops and the judicious use of fertilizers. They are also engaged extensively in stock-raising, making a specialty of sheep and of Angora goats, although they also have high grades of hogs, cattle and horses upon their farm.

On October 15, 1895, Mr. Robeson was united in marriage to Miss Louise Munson, whose people were former residents of Mitchell, Indiana. Mr. Robeson belongs to the Presbyterian church of which his family have for many years been prominent representatives. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry and is a member of the Mystic Shrine, while both he and his brother are members of the Elks lodge. As business men they display an initiative spirit and practical methods, which are leading to excellent results. They never consider any position final



but rather as the starting point for further accomplishment. Theirs is an ideal farming property, extensive in scope but fully equipped with the latest improved machinery and conveniences for carrying on the farm work. In all business transactions they are known for their thorough reliability as well as for their progressive methods and the name of Robeson is an honored one in connection with the agricultural interests of this section of the country.

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### WILLIAM OWEN ROACH.

William Owen Roach, who carries on general farming in Busseron township, is one of the extensive landowners of this part of the county, his holdings aggregating five hundred and sixty acres. This property is the visible evidence of his life of well directed energy and thrift, for at the outset of his career his capital was very limited. He was born in Washington township, this county, on the 23d of June, 1849. His father, Nathan O. Roach, was also a native of this county, where the family has been represented from early pioneer times. Nathan O. Roach on attaining his majority took up the occupation of farming as a life work and always gave his time and energies to the task of tilling the fields and caring for the crops. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rebecca Hudson, was a native of Illinois.

William O. Roach was left an orphan at the age of about eight years. His education was acquired in the district schools but his opportunities in that direction were very meager, for at the time of his parents' death he was thrown upon his own resources and has since earned his living. When still but a boy he began work as a farm hand in the neighborhood and was employed in that way until he felt that he could assume the responsibility of operating a farm by himself. He then rented land which he cultivated until 1888 and in the meantime carefully saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to purchase one hundred and fifty-seven acres of land, which was the nucleus of his present extensive possessions. Year by year he worked diligently and persistently in the cultivation of the fields and whenever possible added to his holdings until he is now the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of valuable farm land in Busseron township. Many excellent improvements have been put upon his place, including good buildings for the shelter of grain and stock and the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. Mr. Roach has also become a stockholder in the Oaktown Bank.

In 1872 occurred the marriage of William O. Roach and Miss Lizzie Cook, a daughter of David Cook, one of the pioneer residents of Knox county. They have four children: Flora, now the wife of Edward Unger; Minnie, the wife of Fred Townsley; Annie, the wife of R. Clark; and Ethel, the wife of Sumner Cox. Mr. Roach and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are well known in this community, where they

have an extensive circle of friends. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished and has justly won the proud American title of a self-made man. Few boys thrown upon their own resources at the age of eight years would have made more rapid or creditable progress. He early realized the fact that his diligence and determination must bring to him whatever success he should enjoy and as the years have passed he has labored untiringly and persistently to win the success which has crowned his efforts, making him one of the prosperous and substantial farmers of the county.

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### JOHN W. EMISON, SR.

In the pioneer history of Knox County, the name of John W. Emison stands prominently forth, and with the substantial development of this section he was closely connected by reason of his varied and important business interests. For more than a century the name of Emison has been connected with the history of Vincennes and western Indiana. The family name was originally spelled Emerson. The first Emisons of whom we have record were two brothers who settled at Georgetown, Kentucky, in the eighteenth century, and among their descendants are those who are residents of Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri and Texas. The family was founded in Knox county, Indiana, by Thomas Emison, the father of John W. Emison, who left his Kentucky home in 1804 and settled on Mariah creek in what is now Knox county. He bore active part in the early development and progress of this region when it was still a part of the Northwest Territory, the family being here represented for a number of years before Indiana's admission into the Union in 1817.

William W. C. Emison, the eldest son of Thomas Emison, was here reared amid the wild scenes and environment of pioneer life at a period when the Indians were still numerous in the state, when many wild animals roamed over the prairies and when much wild game was easily secured. Having arrived at years of maturity, William W. C. Emison married Elizabeth Posey, a daughter of Richard Posey, of South Carolina, who came to Indiana in 1800 and cast in his lot with the early settlers who had ventured into the western wilderness to reclaim the district for the purposes of civilization. Richard Posey was a prominent pioneer farmer here and the old Posey homestead, which he secured has been in possession of the Posey and Emison family since 1800 and is one of the interesting historical spots of the county.

John W. Emison, born and reared in Knox county and educated in its public schools, was a son of William W. C. and Elizabeth (Posey) Emison. The experiences that usually fall to the farm boy in a frontier region were his and he early learned the value of industry and unflagging enterprise. He married Sarah Dunning, a daughter of Spear S. and Emily (Bishop) Dunning, of Knox county, who likewise became early residents of old Vincennes.

There were five children in the family of John W. and Sarah Emison, namely: James Wade, now a practicing attorney of Vincennes; John W., postmaster of this city; Hugh A., now assistant postmaster of Vincennes; Mrs. Mattie Barr and Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, both of Princeton, Indiana. Two members of the Emison family participated in the Civil war, serving in the Fifty-first Indiana Volunteers.

John W. Emison, the father, was one of the pioneers of Knox county in all that stood for its general improvement and the welfare and happiness of its people. He carried on farming on an extensive scale and also engaged in mercantile and milling pursuits at the same time. His business integrity was unassailable and his enterprise carried him into important commercial, industrial and agricultural relations. The Methodist Episcopal church found him an earnest and devoted member and the republican party a stalwart advocate of its principles. He was a scholarly man, liberal in his views and kind hearted in the extreme. At all times he stood ready to divide his means with the needy and distressed and held out a helping hand to every worthy public movement.

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### JAMES REYNALDS, SR.

In every relation of life James Reynolds, Sr., stood as a high type of American manhood and citizenship. His record as a public officer of Knox county was unsullied, his business integrity was above question and those whom he met in social relations found him the possessor of qualities that aroused their high regard and won their warm friendship.

Mr. Reynolds was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in 1826, and the mingled strains of Scotch and German blood flowed in his veins. His parents were William and Mary (Jones) Reynolds, the former a native of the Keystone state and the latter of Maryland. The youthful days of James Reynolds were passed in Somerset county, his time being largely devoted to the acquirement of an education in the public schools. He was twenty-six years of age when he left Pennsylvania and went to Louisville, Kentucky, whence he went a year later to Evansville, Indiana.

In 1855 he arrived in Vincennes and not long afterward accepted the position of the first agent of the Adams Express Company at this place, serving faithfully in that capacity until 1860. In the meantime his ability and his public-spirited citizenship had become recognized by his fellow townsmen who in the year mentioned elected him to the office of sheriff of Knox county. Two years later a reelection gave evidence of his fidelity in office, and when he had thus faithfully guarded the rights and liberties of the people of the county for four years, he retired to a farm and diligently devoted himself to the cultivation of the fields. He became the owner of two valuable farm properties in Knox county, comprising about four hundred acres of

land, which he brought under a high state of cultivation and which returned to him generous harvests. However, he was again called from private life to public office, being reelected sheriff in 1868. Again in 1870 he was the people's choice for that office and for two terms he also served as deputy, so that his connection with the sheriff's office covered altogether a period of ten years. In 1874 he was made the nominee of the democratic party for the office of county treasurer and remained the faithful custodian of the public funds for two terms. Over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, and his public service may well constitute an example in this day when so much is heard concerning graft and misrule in public affairs.

In 1852 Mr. Reynolds was united in marriage to Miss Mary Sterret, a native of Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of three children, Elizabeth, Josephine and James. Seven years after their marriage Mrs. Reynolds died and in the same year Mr. Reynolds wedded Mary U. Markley, who passed away in 1866. In 1868 Mrs. Jane Bloom, the daughter of L. L. Watson, of Vincennes, became his wife. By a former marriage she had two children and by her marriage with Mr. Reynolds she became the mother of five children: Samuel D.; William H., a resident of Mobile, Tennessee, who is married and has two children, Minnie and Catharine; Jessie, living at home; Edith J., who is the wife of Charles Judah and has three children, Emily, Reynolds and Charles; and Jennie, at home.

A most honorable and upright life was terminated when, in 1890, Mr. Reynolds was called to the home beyond. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge and in politics was a stalwart democrat, giving unfaltering support to the principles of the party and taking an active interest in shaping its policy and promoting its success in this county. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church to which he was ever loyal. The many notable qualities of his life had their root in his Christian belief. In business he possessed excellent executive ability, was systematic and diligent and his labors were rewarded with substantial success, but while he made for himself a splendid name in business, in office and in other relations of public life, his best traits of character were reserved for his own fireside and in his home he was a most loving and generous husband and father.

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#### JOHN L. BAKER.

Success has been defined as fifty per cent enthusiasm and most of the other fifty per cent stick-to-itiveness. Many young men have started in their active career with plenty of enthusiasm, but they lacked patience and the staying qualities that are dominant characteristics of the winners in all protracted contests. John L. Baker, secretary and treasurer of the Murphy Distilling Company, of Vincennes, has given evidence of being endowed with the

vim and determination that generally indicate the successful contestant. His enthusiasm is contagious and no matter how grave the difficulty he feels that with discrimination and perserverance it ultimately can be surmounted.

Mr. Baker is a native son of Indiana. He was born in Knox county in 1882 and is the son of William Baker, who came from Germany, locating in Vincennes, where he gained an enviable reputation in financial circles and for twenty years has been president of the German National Bank. The father was born in 1834 and has been a resident of Knox county since early in the '50s.

John L. Baker was educated in the public schools of Vincennes and has been actively identified with business interests ever since he laid aside his school books. As secretary and treasurer of the Murphy Distilling Company he has put into practical use many lessons which he learned from his father and from actual contact with business men. He has found that there is no school that so deeply impresses its lessons as the school of life and that every day presents opportunity for new lessons. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a favorite not only among his business associates but in social circles.

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#### DANIEL N. LANE.

Daniel N. Lane, president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Decker, is a native of Knox county and has here passed his entire life, gaining a reputation as one of the thoroughly competent and successful men of western Indiana. He is a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, possessing foresight and executive ability which are so necessary in business affairs of the twentieth century, insuring their permanency and growth. He was born in Johnson township, January 25, 1861, and is a son of William P. and Catherine E. (Kimmons) Lane. The parents were also born in that township, the father February 8, 1836, and the mother April 10 of the same year. The couple began their married life in a little log cabin in the midst of the woods. They were ambitious, industrious and economical and Mr. Lane became the owner of three hundred acres of land, which he cleared and improved, making his farm one of the highly desirable places of Johnson township. At the time of the Civil war he served under the stars and stripes and his honorable discharge at the close of his enlistment is one of the precious heirlooms of the family. He departed this life at fifty-eight years of age.

Daniel N. Lane was educated in the common schools and after arriving at manhood devoted his attention to farming for ten years. He then became interested in the milling business, with which he was identified for ten years, and devoted three years to the sale of agricultural implements. In the meantime, however, he had never relinquished his farming interests and he is now the owner of a farm of two hundred and fifteen acres in Knox county which

pays him a handsome income. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Decker, which began operations on the 18th of August, 1909, and occupies a large modern brick building. It is capitalized at twenty-five thousand dollars and, although it has been in existence only a short time, it is recognized as one of the substantial institutions of the county and is growing rapidly. The officers of the bank are Daniel N. Lane, president; Frank Plass, vice president; J. M. Bailey, cashier; and the following gentlemen comprise the board of directors: Daniel N. Lane, Frank Plass, Martin Catt, Michael Catt, John D. Biddle, Herman Jording, J. D. Sisson, John J. Siebel and Harry Davis.

On the 29th of October, 1889, at Washington, Indiana, Mr. Lane was united in marriage to Miss Stella Smead, a daughter of Franklin and Sarah Smead, the former a native of Cincinnati and the latter of New Jersey. Her grandfather, Franklin Smead, was one of the pioneer bankers of Cincinnati, and the Widows Home in that city was built by him. Her parents are now making their home in California, where Mrs. Lane is now visiting them. By her marriage she has become the mother of six children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Ethel, now nineteen years of age; Ralph, fifteen; Roy, thirteen; and Gladys, seven.

Mr. Lane is an upholder of the republican party and an earnest member of the Presbyterian church, to which he is a liberal contributor. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Tribe of Ben Hur, and is in hearty sympathy with the beneficent principles of these orders. From youth upward he has been a worker and the success which he has attained is attributable to his own efforts. By the concentration of his energies he early developed a strength of will which is so important in the battle with the world and which, when wisely directed, leads to the attainment of every laudable ambition. No man stands higher in the confidence of the people of Decker and vicinity than Daniel N. Lane and this enviable position he has earned by years of conscientious application and unswerving fidelity to every trust.

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### JOHN BENJAMIN FRAUMANN.

Among the descendants of German ancestry, in Knox county, who should be named in a work relating to the best citizens of the county, is John Benjamin Fraumann, a respected and successful farmer of Johnson township. He was born at Richmond, Indiana, July 15, 1856, and is a son of Charles D. and Elizabeth (Harting) Fraumann, both of whom were born in Germany, the former in 1817 and the latter in 1826. The father came to America when a young man and followed the trade of stone mason, later becoming identified with farming interests in which he was quite successful, as he acquired a place of one hundred and nine acres. He served

in the German army before leaving his native land and there gained ideas of liberty which he lived to see exemplified under the flag of the American republic. He was a patriotic and honored citizen and lived to see many of his dreams realized, departing this life October 2, 1889, at the age of seventy-two years. The beloved mother was called away April 8, 1882. There were five children in the family: Mary, John, Edward, Annie and John Benjamin.

The subject of this review was educated in the public schools of Indiana and under his father became familiar with the various details of agriculture and stock-raising. He applied himself with such diligence that at the present time he is the owner of a beautiful farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres in Johnson township, the most of which he cleared. He improved the family residence, erected barns and other buildings and has brought the land to a high state of cultivation. He is a general farmer, raising wheat and corn on quite an extensive scale and also devoting a great deal of attention to Durham cattle and other stock of excellent grades. He easily ranks as one of the most progressive farmers of the community.

On the 28th day of February, 1878, Mr. Fraumann was united in marriage at Vincennes, Indiana, to Miss Rachel Ellermann, a daughter of Conrad and Rachel Ellerman, both of whom were born in Germany, the father in 1796 and the mother in 1795. The head of the household departed this life August 25, 1878, his beloved wife having been called away November 29, 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Fraumann are the parents of four children: Clara, who married Henry Broderhosen and is the mother of three children—Irene, Otto and Henry; Benjamin C.; Edward; and Mary.

Mr. Fraumann is an earnest believer in the authority of the Bible and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a staunch supporter of the democratic party and although he has devoted his attention mainly to his private affairs, his neighbors elected him township assessor and he served with a fidelity that gave complete satisfaction to the taxpayers of the township. He is conscientious and capable in everything he undertakes and has many friends who have been attracted by his manly qualities.

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#### H. B. FOX, Ph. D.

H. B. Fox, a leading citizen of Bicknell and proprietor of a thoroughly equipped drug store, was born in Bicknell, November 19, 1879. He is a son of William H. and Rebecca (Hooper) Fox, the former of whom is now living in Washington township, Knox county. There were seven children in their family: Willard, a dry-goods merchant of Bicknell; Dora, the wife of David Wampler, a farmer near Bicknell; Stephen, a farmer also near Bicknell; Susie T., of Indianapolis; Franklin P., a farmer living near Bicknell; H. B., our subject; and an infant deceased.



H. B. Fox received his preliminary education in the public schools of Bicknell, later attending the Vincennes University for one year. After returning home he taught school for five years and then entered Purdue University, taking the pharmaceutical course, and was graduated with the degree of Ph. D. in 1905. The next two years he spent as clerk in a drug store and in 1907, having become thoroughly prepared for the business in all of its details, he opened up a store of his own in Bicknell, where he carries a complete drug stock and also a fine line of paints, oils and school supplies. In addition to his mercantile business he deals in real estate and in his various operations has shown a capacity that has produced handsome returns upon his investments.

In 1904 Mr. Fox was happily united in marriage to Miss Nellie May Antibus, a resident of Bruceville, and one child, William H., has blessed the union. Mr. Fox is a member of the National Druggists Association of America. Politically he is identified with the democratic party and fraternally he is connected with the blue lodge and chapter of the Masonic order at Bicknell, serving as senior deacon in the latter. His wife is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Fox also holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, being clerk in the Bicknell lodge of the last named organization. He and his wife are identified with the Methodist church and are valued members of a community where he was born and where he has spent all the years of his life except when securing his education.

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#### WILLIAM F. CUNNINGHAM.

William F. Cunningham, deceased, was a representative of one of the prominent old pioneer families of Knox county. His birth occurred November 11, 1844, in one of the old log cabins so common in early days, his parents being William and Jane (Bryan) Cunningham. When a young man the father removed westward to the Mississippi valley from Athens, Georgia, and settled upon the prairie, securing a tract of land, which, however, was cultivated and improved by his son William. There were Indians in this section of the state at the time but gradually they were driven out before the advancing white race, and the other evidences of frontier life were replaced by the indications of a modern civilization. The prairies which in an early day were covered with tall grasses and many wild flowers were converted into cultivable fields and brought forth good crops of grain. Instead of the wild fowls of the forest the domesticated fowls of the farmyard were seen and in all lines the work of progress and improvement was carried on, converting the once wild region into a productive district.

William F. Cunningham, who was the eldest child of the family, pursued his education in the early schools and by reading and observation added



largely to his knowledge, becoming in time a man of broad mind and liberal thought. All of the members of his father's family are now deceased. He became one of the inheritors of the father's farm and after a time bought out the interest of the other heirs, becoming sole proprietor of a valuable tract of land comprising three hundred acres situated about five miles north of the city of Vincennes in Allison township. To his farm work he gave personal supervision, so that he knew just what was being accomplished and that the fields were being cultivated to the utmost.

On the 1st of December, 1870, Mr. Cunningham was united in marriage to Miss Hessie Sherwood, a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Thomerson) Sherwood. Three children blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham; William R., who married Clotilda Kackley and is now engaged in clerking in a clothing store in Terre Haute, Indiana; Julia M., the wife of Frank E. Lindsay, a railroad man living in Indianapolis; and Kathryn C., who was educated in St. Rose Academy and in the University of Vincennes and is now living at home with her mother at No. 223 South Eighth street.

Mr. Cunningham attended the Christian church of which his wife has been a member since the age of sixteen years. He died on the 22d of March, 1904, on the old family homestead where his birth occurred, and the property is still in possession of the family. He was then about sixty years of age and had spent his entire life upon the old home farm, which for many years had been the property of the Cunninghams. He was one of the three commissioners at the time of the building of the levee along the Wabash and faithfully performed the duties of that position. He was true to every trust given to his care, was straightforward in his business dealings and thus won uniform regard, so that his memory is still enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him.

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### JAMES B. ADAMS.

James B. Adams, who is known as one of the successful men of Knox county and belongs to that class recognized as self-made, who by their own energy and ability have carved for themselves a place in the world, was born at Salyersville, Kentucky, February 2, 1858, his parents being Gilbert and Mary (Cooper) Adams. The father, who was also a native of Kentucky, came to Harrison township, Knox county, where he lived as a farmer until his death in 1873. The mother was born in Kentucky and was married in her native state. She died in Knox county in 1864. There were eight children in the family: Celia, deceased; Preston, now a farmer of Harrison township; Taylor and Eliza Jane, both deceased; Emma, the wife of Wesley Hilderman, a farmer of Harrison township; James B., our subject; and two children who died in infancy.

James B. Adams was educated in the common schools of Harrison township and, his father and mother both being called away while he was

very young, he was early thrown upon his own resources and obliged to make his own way against the difficulties which are presented by contact with strangers. However, he was born with a brave heart and his courage never forsook him and the very difficulties that might have overcome others were the means by which he gained strength. From his earliest recollection identified with the farming industry, he has ever since continued in the same line and about ten years ago he took up the live-stock business in connection with farming. That he has been successful in his various operations is indicated by ownership of land in three different townships, Palmyra, Steen and Harrison, all of this county. He is the owner of six acres of land in the suburbs of Monroe City and is interested in four business houses in the same place. He owns the beautiful home in which he lives, occupying as it does one-half acre of land, which has been highly improved by ornamental and shade trees, and he is also the owner of stock in the bank so that there is no danger but what he will be able in years to come to keep the wolf from the door.

On the 14th of December, 1881, Mr. Adams was united in marriage to Miss Nettie McBride and one child, Grace, has blessed the union. She is the wife of Luther Wood, a farmer of Monroe City, and the mother of two children, Bessie and Ruth. Mr. Adams has made it a principle of his life to concentrate his energies upon anything he undertakes, and that is one of the secrets of his success. He is recognized by his friends as a man of fine business judgment and his advice is often sought in business affairs. Politically he is an adherent of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to the welfare and advancement of the state and nation. Socially he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge of Monroe City and he can claim many friends in this organization. His estimable wife, who has proved a loving helpmeet, is a member of the Christian church. By her advice and encouragement he has been greatly assisted in his career. Their home is a center of hospitality, where friends are always assured of a cordial greeting.

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#### CHARLES HENRY NABB.

Nearly twenty years' connection with railway service as a representative of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company stands in unmistakable proof of loyalty, capability and fidelity on the part of Charles Henry Nabb, who was born near Lawrenceville, Illinois, June 24, 1816. In 1827 he accompanied his parents, Charles Wesley and Eliza Nabb, on their removal to Mattoon, Illinois. The father was a merchant in that city where he became a prominent and well known citizen and attained a gratifying measure of success through the conduct of his business interests.

Charles Henry Nabb was educated in Lebanon College, and on putting aside his text-books he entered his father's store, being interested in the

business until coming to Vincennes. Here he accepted a position as book-keeper and served in that capacity until he turned his attention to railroad interests. He entered the employ of the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad, now the Baltimore & Ohio, when the road was opened through Vincennes in 1854, and throughout the remainder of his life was connected with that road. He was first employed as fuel agent, buying wood for the engines, then as passenger and ticket agent and later as passenger conductor. His record for honesty and kindness to those under his charge could not be excelled and he was one of the most trusted and reliable employes of the company.

Mr. Nabb was three times married and had several children but only two are now living: Charles, who wedded Mary Moore, of Louisville, Kentucky, and has four children, Ferry, Amelia, Estelle and Susan; and Mary Frances, who is a graduate of the University of Vincennes and now lives at home. The latter's mother was Mary Jane Welton Purley, who gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Nabb in 1853. She is a daughter of Ebenezer and Permelia (Parsons) Welton, who came to Indiana from Hardy county, Virginia. Her father belonged to one of the old and prominent families of that state and was a planter and a large slaveholder in the Old Dominion. Unto Charles H. and Mary J. Nabb were born six children, of whom four died in infancy, the others being: Harry, who was in the express business and died in 1901; and Mary Frances. The daughter belongs to the Eastern Star, being entitled to membership through the fact that her father is a member of the Masonic fraternity. His life largely embodied the beneficent spirit of the order and he strongly endorsed its principles. His death occurred in 1873 when he was fifty-seven years of age and although many years have since come and gone he is still well remembered by older citizens. He was a prominent and active member of the First Methodist church for many years.

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#### FRANK P. UTT.

There are men who achieve success in life notwithstanding the greatest obstacles. They are born with an ambition that never bows to difficulties and endowed with an energy and clear judgment that lead to certain victory. Such a man is Frank P. Utt, the owner of a beautiful farm in Knox county and now serving as a member of the board of county commissioners. The story of his life should be an incentive to every young man who aspires to gain an honorable name. He was born in Knox county in July, 1868, and is a son of Alfred and Christina Utt, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The father was a pioneer of Indiana and suffered many of the hardships and inconveniences of a period of which we now have little conception. He was a brave and hardy man and by arduous labor acquired

the means to purchase fifty acres of land which he cleared and upon which he lived until his death, in 1876. The mother was called away in 1875.

At eight years of age Frank P. Utt was left an orphan to fight alone his battles with the world. He had a staunch heart and, notwithstanding the difficulties that were before him, he never quailed. Nobly did he undertake to achieve his destiny. Even as a boy he hired out by the month as a farm hand and at seventeen years of age he began renting land upon his own account. He sowed no wild oats and in 1892, having by unflagging industry and unfailing perseverance acquired a small capital, he purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land in Washington township, to which he later added sixty-five acres, and he is now the owner of one of the best improved farms in this part of Knox county. He not only raises cereals in abundance but he generally keeps on hand twenty-five to fifty head of cattle and fifteen to forty horses, all of good grade, and in condition to command a fair price in the market.

In 1893 Mr. Utt was united in marriage to Miss Flora Myers, a daughter of Lawson and Lavina Myers, the former of whom was a native of North Carolina and the latter of Ohio. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Utt: Ralph E., aged fifteen; Horace R., twelve years of age; and Ernest, aged six. Mr. Utt since arriving at the age of manhood has been a supporter of the democratic party and is quite prominent in its councils in Knox county. In the fall of 1909 he was elected county commissioner and has occupied that office since January 1, 1910. The term expires January 1, 1913, extending over a period of three years. It is one of the responsible positions in the gift of the voters of the county and Mr. Utt is discharging his duties with a fidelity that meets their warm approval. He and his family are connected with the Presbyterian church and he is a liberal contributor toward its support. Although he began as a boy under many disadvantages, he has steadily forged ahead and today is recognized in Knox county as one of its leading citizens, worthy of any honor to which he may aspire.

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#### HENRY F. PIEPER.

Although Henry F. Pieper, of Bicknell, is a native of Germany, he fought for the Union at the time of the Civil war as bravely as any man who wore the blue and won the praise which is due to those who offered their lives in order that a free government might continue to exist. His eyes first opened to the light of day in a little village near Dapmolt, Germany, February 8, 1838, his parents being Antone and Dora (Hilker) Pieper. The father came with his family to America in 1848, at a time when many liberty-loving Germans were obliged to seek safety in foreign lands. They landed from the steamer at New Orleans and came up the Mississippi river on the

same boat with the soldiers who were returning from the Mexican war. Mr. Pieper located on a farm in Knox county, Indiana, about halfway between Freelandville and Bicknell. Here he continued until his death which occurred when he was eighty-eight years of age. He was an intelligent man of many noble characteristics and served for six years in the German army in early manhood, where he observed many things which made him keenly alive to the blessings of liberty. He cast his first vote as an American citizen for President Pierce and was later an earnest republican. A thorough believer in the Bible, he gave his adherence to the German Evangelical church. He was a cabinet-maker in the old country and followed his trade to some extent in Knox county, although his principal energies were devoted to farming. The mother was also a native of Germany and departed this life at the family home in Knox county in 1873. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pieper eight children were born: Henry F., our subject; Conrad, who served two and one-half years in the Eightieth Indiana Infantry and is now living in Reno county, Kansas; Herman, a farmer of Platt county, Kansas; Theodore, living on the home place; Charles, a farmer of Knox county, now deceased; and Lewis, Henry and Minnie, who died in infancy.

Henry F. Pieper attended the schools of Germany and later became a student in the district schools of Knox county. He assisted upon the home farm until October 23, 1861, when he enlisted as a private in the Fifty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry. The regiment participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth and Stone River in the early part of the war and was detailed upon a raid in the rear of General Bragg's army, engaging the enemy at Day's Gap, Crooked Creek, Blunt's Point and Rome, Georgia. In the battle last named Mr. Pieper and a number of his comrades were captured and later sent to Belle Isle and Libby prison, being confined for fourteen days in the latter place. After being released, our subject returned to his regiment and took part in the battles of Franklin and Nashville. He went aboard a transport on the Mississippi river, the objective point being San Antonio, Texas, where he received his honorable discharge December 13, 1865. He was a good soldier and always responded to the call of duty. Although he was never wounded he had many narrow escapes. At one time a ball passed through his haversack, striking a package of writing paper, so that it glanced and lodged in the coat sleeve of a comrade who was standing near. At another time while the regiment was making a charge, the canteen of Mr. Pieper was struck by a bullet, but the canteen being full of water, the missile was deflected and once more the life of the valiant soldier was saved. At the time of his discharge he was first ranking duty sergeant of his company, being elected sergeant in January, 1863.

Returning to Knox county after a journey of one month from San Antonio, Mr. Pieper resumed peaceful occupations, purchasing a tract of timber land in the primeval forest of Knox county. He remembers when the only marks of the previous presence of white men in the neighborhood were those made in the trees by the axes of bee hunters. For twenty years he success-

fully cultivated his farm, but in 1887 he came to Bicknell, having purchased a site overlooking the town, which afterward was destined to become the center of the residence portion. Here he erected a commodious residence and later platted an addition to Bicknell, thus identifying himself with the up-building of the community. Besides a large real-estate holder in Bicknell, he owns one hundred and thirty acres of land adjoining the town, which is each year increasing in value. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Bicknell, serving on its board of directors, also being an organizer and member of the board of directors of the Building & Loan Association of Bicknell.

On February 25, 1866, Mr. Pieper was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie W. Williams, who has proven to him a true and loving companion. Her parents were Leonard W. and Lucy (Hooper) Williams, natives of North Carolina. Her father died when she was only three years old, but her mother lived to an advanced age of eighty-eight years, passing away on the 6th of December, 1898.

In politics Mr. Pieper is identified with the republican party, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln as president of the United States. Although frequently urged to do so, he has never become a candidate for public office. He and his estimable wife are worthy members of the Baptist church and he is a prominent worker in the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. He tried to perform his duty in behalf of his adopted country when he was a young man and he has never departed from the principles of honor and integrity which he then exhibited. As a result he has attained deserved success not only financially but also in the development of a worthy character—the crowning attribute of a noble life.

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### JAMES H. HOAG, M. D.

Dr. James H. Hoag, the subject of this review, is a successful practitioner who has made it the business of his life to control circumstances as far as possible, to gain all the comfort that is to be had from an upright life and to endeavor to do all the good to others he could accomplish as he went along. In furtherance of this object he is now at the head of a sanitarium for the cure of patients who have yielded to the liquor or drug habit. Here he has found a field that is at once philanthropical and lucrative and that promises many years of usefulness and honor.

Our subject comes of an old New York family and was born in Greene county in 1854, a son of Henry G. and Deborah (Hawley) Hoag. The father was born near the Hudson river in New York in 1828 and engaged in farming. He settled in Michigan and was one of the valiant defenders of the stars and stripes in the Civil war, serving in the Eleventh Michigan Infantry, known as the "Bloody Eleventh," and was honorably mustered out

at the close of the Rebellion. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoag: James H.; Jennie, who became the wife of William Dancer, of Stockbridge, Michigan; and Edward G., who married Nina Sweetland and has two children.

The subject of our review received his preliminary education in the public schools and having decided to enter the medical profession, he studied for a time in the medical department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and afterward entered Hahnemann Medical College, at Chicago, from which he was graduated with the title of M. D. in 1883. After leaving college he began the practice of his profession at Kingman, Kansas, and later practiced in Oxford, Indiana, and Fife Lake, Michigan, coming to Vincennes in 1907. In his practice Dr. Hoag has kept fully abreast with the times and has met with a success that is the result of conscientious and well directed application.

In 1901 Dr. Hoag was united in marriage to Miss Anna Seekamp, who was born in Indianapolis in 1862, a daughter of John and Sarah Seekamp and a lady of fine mental attainments who has proven to her husband a loving helpmate.

Politically Dr. Hoag is identified with the republican party and although he has not aspired to public office, he acceptably filled the position of health officer at Oxford, Indiana. He is a valuable member of the Methodist church and is a thirty-second degree Mason, a Knight Templar and Shriner. A man of liberal education and large experience, Dr. Hoag has social qualities that invite sympathetic companionship and he has made many friends in Vincennes. Devoted to his profession, he is a patriotic citizen and willingly lends his assistance to any worthy cause that will add to the happiness and usefulness of his fellowmen. In him the medical profession has a zealous disciple who ably upholds its banner and who while advancing his own interest never does so in such a way as to injure others.

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#### CORTES B. REEL.

Among the prosperous citizens of Knox county is Cortes B. Reel, who is the fortunate owner of a fine farm of two hundred and thirty-five acres in one of the most productive regions of the state. He is a native of this county and has passed his entire life here, having been born on the farm where he now lives October 16, 1854, his parents being Alfred and Nancy J. (Meyers) Reel. The father was born in Palmyra township, May 17, 1825, and passed his life in this county. He engaged in the grain business in Vincennes and, being a man of clear judgment, accumulated a fortune and became recognized as a strong factor in this county. He was an ardent supporter of the principles of the democratic party and while he did not



seek political honors himself, he was always ready to assist his friends in realizing their ambition for public recognition. He departed this life July 21, 1891. The grandfather of our subject, Absalom Reel, was also a citizen of Knox county and was one of its honored pioneers. The mother was a native of this county and was called away November 5, 1869, when the subject of this review was fifteen years of age. There were eleven children in the family: Absalom and James, deceased; Anna, the wife of John Campbell, of Monroe City; Florence, of Pike county, Indiana; Cortes B., our subject; Charles, of Monroe City; William M., a farmer of Palmyra township; James, 2d, a machinist now living in San Francisco; Alfred, deceased; Dora, the wife of C. J. Thompson, of Vincennes; and G. L., deceased.

Educated in the common schools of the county and at Vincennes, the subject of this review grew up under the directing influence of his father, from whom he received numberless suggestions that have been of inestimable value to him in his business career. At the age of twenty-four years he began farming on the home place, where he now resides. The residence, a handsome large brick building, was erected by his father and is one of the most convenient and attractive homes in the entire region. The farm is provided with every facility for the cultivation of the soil and the raising of good grades of live stock. Under the management of its owner, who is familiar with every detail of the work, it yields an ample income.

On April 9, 1882, Mr. Reel was united in marriage to Miss Clara Westfall, who was born in Harrison township, this county, December 14, 1861, and is a daughter of Abraham and Margaret (Barekman) Westfall. She was the oldest of ten children, the other members of the family being: Dora, the wife of John Penington, of Linton, Indiana; Laura, now Mrs. Charles Byers, of Fort Smith, Arkansas; Abraham, who is a farmer of Johnson township, this county, and is ex-sheriff of Knox county; Margaret, the wife of Henry Hoalt of Vincennes; an infant, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Alonzo Woodward of Vincennes; Eunice, the widow of Ed Henry, who died October 28, 1910; and Perry and Archibald, both of Vincennes. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reel were born three sons and three daughters: Jesse C., attending medical college in St. Louis, who is married and has one son, Alton, now four years old; Guy A., who is married and lives in Los Angeles, California; Georgia, the wife of Roy L. Mail of Vincennes; Paul A., at home; and two daughters who died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Reel is in sympathy with the platforms and tendencies of the democratic party. He is a firm believer in the authority of the Bible and he and his estimable wife are active members of the Presbyterian church. He has never been obliged to pass through the trials of one who has been obliged to make his own way in the world unaided, but he has succeeded in holding possession of the property left by his father, increasing it largely in value. As a farmer he ranks with the best in the



county. In all his business affairs he has displayed a sound judgment that enables him to carry forward successfully whatever he has undertaken. As an upright citizen he has no superior, and no man in Knox county is more highly respected.

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### JOHN G. FRISZ.

John G. Frisz is a wholesale and retail grower and shipper of vegetables, making a specialty of lettuce, in which connection he has built up an extensive business that has long since reached profitable proportions. He was born on January 13, 1861, and is the son of C. H., and Barbara (Drot) Frisz. The father was a native of France, and while still in that country served in the French army with the marines, acting as a gunner. He was twenty-eight years of age when he left the old world and sailed for the United States, landing at New Orleans, whence he made his way up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Madison, Indiana, and joined his family at North Vernon, Indiana, for his father, mother and brothers and sisters had previously come to the new world, locating upon a farm at North Vernon. It was upon that farm, which is still known as the Frisz homestead, that John G. Frisz of this review was born. C. H. Frisz became an engineer in a sawmill and in 1858 removed from his first location to Vincennes where he secured the position of engineer in a distillery. He was ambitious to engage in business on his own account however, and as soon as opportunity offered he started out independently, establishing a bottling business which he conducted for sometime. He afterward made investment in what is known as the Old Home place in Knox county, securing at first twenty-four acres of land to which he afterward added until the farm was fifty-three acres in extent. Both he and his wife are now deceased.

John G. Frisz pursued his education in the parish schools, conducted under the auspices of the German Catholic church, but is largely a self-educated man and in the school of experience has learned many valuable lessons which have produced practical and substantial results in business life. He became connected with his father in growing and shipping vegetables, and has since continued in this line of activity, which he has found a very profitable source of income. Particular attention is paid to the quality of vegetables raised so that his products find a ready sale on the market and command the highest prices. Mr. Frisz is making a specialty of the raising of lettuce and his shipments thereof are most extensive. He took over the business in 1898 and has since successfully managed and conducted it. He works untiringly and his diligence and determination constitute the basic features of a gratifying prosperity.

On the 13th of January, 1891, Mr. Frisz was married to Miss Anna Leonard of Evansville, Indiana, a daughter of J. G., and Margaret Leon-

ard. Their marriage has been blessed with four children: Valentine G., who is a graduate of Jasper college and is now with his father in business; Verena, who is attending St. Rose academy; Christopher H., who is a student in the Sacred Heart School; and Olivia, now five years of age.

Mr. Frisz is connected with many fraternal societies, social organizations and societies for the promotion of trade interests. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Woodmen of the World, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Travelers Protective Association, the Harmony Club and the Fishing Club. He is likewise a member of the Board of Trade, and is president of the North Vincennes Commercial Club, an organization formed to promote the business activity and consequent growth of that section of the city. His life has been an active and useful one and his days have been well spent, gaining for him not only a good return for his labor but also the respect and esteem of his fellowmen.

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### JAMES MASON.

James Mason, who has reached the venerable age of eighty-eight years and has been a resident of Knox county for about three-quarters of a century, may justly be called one of its pioneers. He was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, January 5, 1823, at time when the vast region north of the Ohio river was largely a wilderness and subject to entry as government land. His parents were Bennett and Mary (Wesner) Mason. The father was a native of Kentucky and went to Illinois in early manhood with his parents, his ancestors upon one side being German and upon the other English. As a pioneer Bennett Mason performed his part, participating in wars with the Indians and assisting to the extent of his ability in clearing away the forest and making the country a fit abode for a civilized community. The mother was also acquainted with the trials and dangers of pioneer life and at one time was obliged to take refuge from the Indians in old Fort Knox across the river from Vincennes. The family came to Knox county about 1835 and settled in the Chambers' neighborhood, living here for five years. At the end of this time the father bought land in Vigo township, where he passed the remainder of his life. The mother came from Pennsylvania and was married in Illinois. Nine children blessed their union, one of whom died in infancy. The other members were: Betsey, now deceased; Alfred; James; Eliza; Edward; Harrison; Alexander; and Lucinda.

The subject of this review, like many of the children of pioneer families, had very little opportunity to attend school. In fact, he attended but three months and the education which he has received is mainly the result of his own unaided observation and reading. He began farming on his own account in Vigo township and has there continued with the exception of two



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years, which he spent in Greene county, Indiana. That he is a man of industry and practical judgment is evidenced by the fact that he now owns one hundred and sixty-five acres of fine Knox county land, forty acres of which is on the river and all of which is well improved. He cleared the land himself except a small portion, which he has reserved for other than agricultural purposes. As a general farmer he has been in an important degree successful. He also owns bank stock and is financially independent. At the time of the Civil war he was drafted into the army but was soon discharged.

In 1848 Mr. Mason was united in marriage to Lucinda Mills, who departed this life twenty years ago. There were nine children born to them: Betsey Jane, Alex Harrison, Sam, Charles, Mary, John H., J. Edward, William G. and Rosa.

Mr. Mason was originally an adherent of the old whig party but when its successor, the republican party, was organized he became a supporter of its principles, to which he has ever since given his vote. He is a stanch and uncompromising advocate of centralized authority and tariff for the protection of American industries. A number of years ago he was a member of the United Brethren church but more recently he transferred his membership to the Methodist church and is a liberal supported of that denomination. The memory of our subject carries him back to pioneer days, when the woods abounded in deer and wolves, many of which he killed in his hunting expeditions, and the country was largely unimproved, markets were far away and money was scarce; but the settlers bore the inconvenience patiently, believing that all serious obstacles would be overcome. They were not disappointed and today the region, which was once the home of wild animals and wild men, is the abode of thousands of happy families. It is to men like James Mason that this wonderful transformation is mainly due and his friends, who are many, earnestly hope that he may still have before him many years of ease and comfort.

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### JAMES C. PHILLIPPE.

James C. Phillippe, living in a beautiful home in Bicknell and in charge of a flourishing business which he himself founded, may be truly designated as one of the substantial citizens of Knox county. He was born in Bicknell, May 10, 1875, and is a son of John and Catherine (Thompson) Phillippe. The father was also a native of this county and a son of Peter and Mary (Fox) Phillippe, the grandfather having been born in Wythe county, Virginia. John Phillippe, settled upon a farm south of Bicknell many years ago and is still living there. The beloved mother departed this life in 1897. They were the parents of six children: Adam, a farmer, living near Vincennes; Charles A., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Edgar, now in the furniture and undertaking business at Bicknell; Maude, the wife of Dal

Vaught, living on the home place; Robert, now on a farm south of Bicknell; and James C., our subject.

James C. Philippe received a good education at Bicknell, passing through the various graded and high schools. After leaving school he taught for three years and then devoted his attention to farming in Vigo township for five years, succeeding so well that in 1905 he had acquired a capital that enabled him to embark in the piano business at Bicknell, also handling a complete line of other musical instruments. Since 1908 he has devoted his attention principally to the sale of pianos, being the only piano dealer in the place. He has built up a large and profitable trade, as he handles instruments and goods of the very best class. He makes a specialty of the Baldwin piano, of which he is a great admirer and which has an extensive sale in this locality. He is the owner of a fine residence on Main street and retains his interest in the home estate, the division having been made when the father retired.

In 1902 Mr. Phillippe was united in marriage, at Bicknell, to Miss Bessie Chambers, a daughter of Lee Chambers, of Steen township, this county. Three children have blessed this union, Lowren Kenneth, Byron Gilbert and Maurice, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Phillippe gives his adherence to the democratic party and is an earnest advocate of its principles and candidates. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Methodist Episcopal church of Bicknell. In his wife he has found a worthy companion, who has nobly performed her part not only in the discharge of her household duties but as a sympathetic adviser in all matters pertaining to the family interests. They are both greatly esteemed in the community, where they have many friends and well wishers.

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### JOHN S. WELLS.

For thirty-two years past a resident of Bicknell, John S. Wells is closely identified with the interests of the town, and is recognized as one of its most valued citizens. He was born in Barbour county, West Virginia, near the town of Philippi, where the first skirmish of the Civil war was fought, October 20, 1858, and is a son of W. J. and Lucy (Jones) Wells. His father was also a native of Virginia and after his marriage he moved to a farm near Philippi, where he lived in the same house until his death, which occurred in September, 1884. He was a stone cutter by trade and built the bridge standing on the outskirts of Philippi, which was afterward the scene of a bitter fight between the Union and Confederate forces. The mother was born in Wood county, West Virginia, and is still living on the old family homestead, where the subject of this review visits her every five years. There were five children born to Mr. and Mrs.

Wells: Lee Anne, the wife of Spencer Boylen, who lives on a farm adjoining the old homestead; John S., our subject; Alcinda, deceased; Lloyd J., a stone cutter of Parkersburg, West Virginia; and Edwin, residing on the old home place.

John S. Wells was educated in a log schoolhouse near his father's farm, where he sat on split wood benches which had no backs and where his studies were directed by a schoolmaster whose principal qualification seemed to be wielding of the birch rod rather than knowledge of books. Later our subject possessed the advantage of attendance at the high school of Philippi and began his active career as clerk in a local store. At twenty years of age, believing that more favorable conditions lay westward, he came to Bicknell, which was then a village of about one hundred and fifty persons. Here he engaged as clerk in the only drug store the town afforded, but at the end of two years purchased the stock, to which he has since added, also branching out into the sale of wall paper, paints and oils, books, etc., until he has one of the most completely appointed establishments of the kind in the county. He also carries a large line of jewelry and is the leading dealer in that line in Bicknell. A few years ago he purchased an acre of land on South Main street, commanding a fine view of the business center of Bicknell, and there he erected a beautiful home, which he now occupies. He is at the present time erecting two residences in the town, having strong faith in the development of the place which he years ago adopted as his home. He is also extensively interested in real estate in Vincennes.

In 1880 Mr. Wells was happily united in marriage to Miss Mary R. Byers, a member of one of the old-time families of Knox county, whose brother, David Byers, is court bailiff at Vincennes. Three children have blessed the union: Myrtle L., the wife of Bert Hollingsworth, a representative of the Prudential Insurance Company at Vincennes; Dallas L., who married Ethel Gilmore and is now engaged in the carpenter trade at Bicknell; and Gayle L., at home.

Mr. Wells is professionally a member of the National Association of Druggists. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party, and although he has never sought public office, his opinions and support are always in demand by democratic aspirants of the county. He has for many years been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Bicknell, and has passed through all the chairs of the lodge, having held a seat in the grand lodge as early as fifteen years ago. He was a charter member of the Tribe of Ben Hur of Bicknell, and is now treasurer of that organization. He is a firm believer in the authority of the Bible, and is at the present time serving as trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Wells began in Bicknell when it was a struggling village and has witnessed its development until it has become one of the flourishing centers of the county. He has ably assisted in the good work and has fairly

earned the fortune he now enjoys. Always just in his dealings, he has made many friends and acquaintances throughout the county and his name is inseparably associated with the prosperity of a town to whose upbuilding he has devoted the best energies of his life.

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### SIMON WINKLER.

Simon Winkler is well known as a representative of both commercial and agricultural interests, for he is a partner in the Winkler Mercantile Company of Emison and is also the owner of a valuable farm property of two hundred and eighty-five acres in Busseron township. His birth occurred in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, November 24, 1844. His father, Joseph Winkler, was a native of Switzerland and remained in the land of the Alps until after he had attained his majority and was married. He wedded Katherine Kiger, and they had eight children, of whom Simon was the youngest. Some of the children were born in Switzerland. Accompanied by his family Joseph Winkler left the old world, attracted by the opportunities which he heard were to be found on this side the Atlantic, and coming to the United States, he settled in Tuscarawas county, Ohio.

It was in the schools of his native city that Simon Winkler acquired his education and when a young man he left Ohio for Indiana, settling in Daviess county, where he remained for several years. He then came to Knox county, where he arrived about 1866 and in the intervening period, covering forty-four years, he has continued to live within its borders, making for himself a creditable position in business circles and enjoying at all times the confidence and good will of his fellowmen. He first located in Johnson township, where he remained for many years, during which period he became the owner of a nice farm, which he brought under a high state of cultivation. In 1885, however, he removed to Busseron township, where he has since engaged in farming. He has not confined his efforts entirely, however, to the work of tilling the soil, for he is identified with merchandising, being still a member of the Winkler Mercantile Company, owning and controlling one of the leading commercial enterprises in the town of Emison. The trade of the house is extensive and returns a substantial annual income to the stockholders. He is also the owner of a good home in Emison and is financially interested in the German National Bank. His farm property comprises two hundred and eighty-five acres in Busseron township and is supplied with all modern equipments and conveniences that facilitate farm work. There are good buildings upon the place and everything about the farm presents a neat and thrifty appearance, which indicates the careful and practical supervision of an owner whose work is the embodiment of a progressive spirit.

On the 27th of August, 1865, occurred the marriage of Mr. Winkler and Miss Susan Cavness, of Daviess county, Indiana, and unto them have been



born six children but only four of the number are now living: Claude C., who married Nellie Shugard and lives in Vincennes; Bertha A. and John O., who are at home with their parents; and Roscoe D., a resident of Emison, who married Edna Prigg and has one son, Marvin R., now three years old. Hiram O., the eldest of the family, died in 1906, leaving a widow and five children, Elsie, Herbert, Allan, Marie and Ruth, all living near Emison.

Mr. Winkler holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and his political faith is that of the republican party. He ranks with the prominent men of Busseron township is active and energetic and ever alert to business opportunities. He has made good use of the advantages that have come to him and as the years have passed his progress has proven his worth, his perseverance and his sound business judgment.

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### FRANK E. ADAMS.

Frank E. Adams, owner of a highly improved farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Knox county and one of its progressive young men, was born in Harrison township, this county, October 22, 1884. He is a son of John A. and Emma D. (Guernsey) Adams. His father was also a native of Knox county and here spent his entire life, being one of the successful members of the farming community and owning at the time of his death, in 1908, one hundred acres of excellent land. He was a man of social characteristics and a member of the Knights of Honor, with whose principles of fellowship he was in hearty accord. The family originally came from Pennsylvania and some of its early members were among the pioneers of this state. There were four children in the family of which John A. Adams was a member, the other children being: James, who is now a farmer of Harrison township; Sarah, the wife of Hugh Welton, a farmer of Palmyra township, this county; and Anthony, a well known real-estate dealer of Vincennes. The mother of our subject was a native of Knox county and a daughter of Charles and Hannah (Smith) Guernsey. Besides herself there was one son in the family, William J., now acting as rural route carrier in the region of Vincennes. To the marriage of John A. and Emma D. Adams two children were born: F. E., our subject; and Charles, who married Othie Daffrom, and is a farmer of Harrison township.

The subject of this review grew up under the friendly protection of a parental home and gained his early education in the schools of Harrison township, showing an inclination for further advancement and a decided taste for literary acquisitions. He enrolled in the Vincennes high school and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1905, thus acquiring an excellent basis not only for business, but for any study that he might later desire to pursue. After leaving the high school, he be-

came an employe of the American Express Company and began at the bottom of the ladder as messenger. In 1906 he was called to Chicago and there continued with the company, showing an efficiency that gave promise of rapid advancement. However, two years ago the death of his father required his presence upon the home farm and he returned to Knox county, where he has since remained.

As a farmer he has shown an ability which enabled him to increase the original holding of one hundred acres by fifty acres, and he has instituted a number of improvements by means of which the annual income will be largely increased. Although just fairly launched in his active career, Mr. Adams has demonstrated the possession of talent which promises success in any worthy undertaking. He is happy in his work and as a public-spirited and capable citizen has gained the respect of all with whom he has come in contact, either in business or social circles.

On the 7th of September, 1910, Mr. Adams was united in marriage to Miss Glenn Setzer, a daughter of Clark E. and Rhoda (Ridgeway) Setzer, of Merom, Indiana. She was educated in the public schools of that city and the Union Christian College, also at Merom.

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#### DAVID ASHLEY.

At twenty-six years of age David Ashley began farming for himself in Knox county. Today, after the passage of thirteen years, he is the owner of a highly improved farm in Widner township and is recognized as one of the flourishing business men of this county, who has forged his way to the front by an indomitable will and energy that no difficulty could suppress. He was born in Widner township, November 25, 1871, and is a son of John Ashley, who was born in Washington township, this county, June 28, 1828. The grandfather, whose name was also John Ashley, came to Knox county at a very early day and engaged in farming, carrying his produce by water to New Orleans. It was while on one of these trips that he died, leaving a wife and three children. The father of our subject sought a new home after the death of his father with his grandfather, John Widner, one of the first settlers of Widner township and the honored citizen after whom the township was named. He grew up on a farm and in 1854 was married to Mary Colton, a daughter of Alonzo Colton, who came to Indiana from New England. One child, A. C., was the result of this union. The wife departed this life in 1861 and John Ashley on January 1, 1862, enlisted in Company D, Twenty-first Indiana Heavy Artillery, to fight under the stars and stripes. He proved to be a true soldier, serving with honor to himself and his noble cause until January 10, 1866, when he was honorably discharged and mustered out of service, returning home with the insignia of first lieutenant upon his shoulders. In 1867, in Knox county, he was married to Trafina Osborn and four

children were born to them: Nellie, who became the wife of G. A. Pielemier; David, of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of Walter Polk; and Imo, now attending school. Mr. Ashley was a highly successful farmer and left his family abundantly provided for at the time of his death, which occurred January 20, 1899. He was a man of excellent character and was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a willing worker in every cause that aimed to advance the permanent welfare of the community.

The subject of this review was educated in the district schools of Knox county and pursued his studies further in the high school at Oaktown. He early showed a decided talent for agricultural pursuits and at twenty-six years of age, having already gained a thorough knowledge of the details of agriculture and live-stock raising, he began farming and applied himself with such ability and diligence that he now owns a well improved farm of one hundred and fifteen acres, which under his management pays handsome dividends upon the investment. He is also a stockholder in the bank of Oaktown.

On December 1, 1897, Mr. Ashley was united in marriage to Miss Mary Walters and they have five children: John, Helen, Wilbur Wilson, Frances and Trafina. Mr. Ashley votes with the republican party, believing that its principles are best adapted to the perpetuity of a free government. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and socially is identified with the Court of Honor. He has found in his wife a loving assistant in all worthy undertakings and as head of an interesting family he is a warm friend of education and sees that his children are provided with the best advantages the public schools afford. He is an active and inquiring man and, therefore progressive in whatever he undertakes. His farm is well supplied with improved machinery and everything is kept in order. Hence he is moving forward and there is no question that he will be found near the head of the line among the agriculturists of Knox county in the years to come.

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#### HORACE ELLIS, A. M., Ph. D.

The human mind unfolding in the light of truth has been called the most beautiful flower that blooms in the garden of creation. The study of the mind, its powers and possibilities, is one of the most interesting and attractive studies in the world and the discoveries in this important department during recent years mark a new era in human progress. We are reminded of the words of the great American philosopher, Emerson, written more than fifty years ago: "My hope for the human race is as bright as the morning star, for a glory is coming to man such as the most inspired tongue of prophets or poets has never been able to describe."

Dr. Horace Ellis, for the past seven years president of Vincennes University and a teacher whose name is known throughout the land, has devoted his life to the subject of education and is recognized as one of the leading

thinkers among the educational forces of the country. His father was for years engaged in the same vocation and the son has possessed every advantage of parents inspired by high ideals, association with the best minds, and school and college training which effectually developed native powers of no ordinary capacity. Many years of practical experience in the schoolroom and at the head of large educational institutions have assisted in molding and correcting earlier impressions and no man in educational circles of the state is regarded with higher respect by his contemporaries than the one whose name stands at the head of this review.

Horace Ellis was born in Christian county, Illinois, July 9, 1861, although reared in Morgan county, Indiana, where he first attended school. He is the son of Ira and Mary Frances (Ferguson) Ellis. William Ellis, his great-grandfather and the founder of the family in America, came from Wales previous to the Revolution and served in the patriotic army under Washington. He settled in North Carolina and there was born Evan Ellis, the grandfather of Horace, who emigrated from North Carolina to Indiana in 1833. It is said that he started on the long journey with his family on the morning of the great meteoric shower which startled the people of America and caused many to believe that the world was coming to an end. Mr. Ellis settled first in Rush county, later removing to Greene county. The father of our subject when he grew up located in Morgan county. He was a native of North Carolina but his wife was born in Greene county near where they were married. He was a school teacher and farmer, devoting the latter years of his life to the farm. Both he and his wife were widely recognized for their fidelity and high morals—sentiments which characterized so many of the pioneers of Indiana.

Under the protecting influence of a happy home and in the schools of Morgan county Horace Ellis received his early education. He was a student in the preparatory department and also during the freshman year at Butler University, later attending the Indiana University, from which he was graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1896. The year following he received the degree of A. M. from Butler University and in 1900 was awarded the post-graduate degree of Ph. D. from the American University. He holds a life certificate from Indiana which is valid by certification in every state of the Union and a prize greatly desired by educators. At various times he has attended the great universities, where he met the most noted teachers of the western world and pursued his favorite studies. Among the institutions he has attended as a special student are Harvard, Leland Stanford, Jr., University and the University of Chicago. During vacations from college he served as reporter on the Indianapolis Sentinel. He has been an indefatigable student and investigator and has made a number of original discoveries and observations which he has from time to time announced in educational magazines and reviews. He is also a contributor upon literary subjects of a general character. Thirty years ago Dr. Ellis began as a teacher and his time has mainly been devoted to that profession except when attending college or university.

His first experience as a teacher was in a country school, and he later taught successfully in graded, village and high schools of Indiana, advancement coming steadily. For four years he was superintendent of the Indianapolis suburban schools; for six years superintendent of the North Vernon, Indiana, schools; and for four years superintendent of schools at West Lafayette; also having official connection with Purdue University under the administration of Dr. Smart. For two years he was superintendent of the public schools of Franklin, Indiana, and was then called to Idaho, where from 1902 until 1904 he filled the chair as president of the Idaho State Normal School, which is located at Albion. In 1904 he was invited to return to Indiana as president of Vincennes University, a position he has since occupied with honor to himself and with great acceptance to supporters and students of the institution. The university under his experienced management has flourished as never before and is yearly attracting attendance from a wider field.

Dr. Ellis was united in marriage March 3, 1887, to Miss Grace Vinton Mapes, a daughter of Dr. S. H. and Prunette N. Mapes of Lawrence, Marion county, Indiana. She was born in New York, January 19, 1867, and was educated in the Indianapolis public schools and Butler University, where she excelled in mathematics and literature. She has a special gift of poetical imagination, in which she often happily indulges. She has furnished the magazines with some rare contributions and is recognized as a lady of unusual accomplishments, intellectually and socially. Her father, Dr. Mapes, was one of the noted physicians of Indianapolis, serving for years as president of the Marion County Medical Association and also as president of the United States pension examining board. In the Civil war he gained much distinction as a first surgeon. Two children have blessed the union of Dr. and Mrs. Ellis: Max Mapes Ellis, who married Marion Lee Durbin; and Ira Howell Ellis. Max Ellis and his wife are connected with the zoological department of the Indiana University, having charge of the biologic station at Winona Lake. He is at the head of the Gimbel expedition to British Guiana during the years of 1910 and 1911. This expedition is studying the ichthyology of the Orinoco and Amazon rivers.

Although not a politician, Dr. Ellis is in sympathy with the principles of the republican party. He was a nominee for the office of state superintendent of public instruction of Indiana during the campaign of 1910 but was not successful. He is a member of the Indiana College Presidents Association and of the Masonic order and has taken all the degrees of that order up to and including the Knights Templar. He is now prelate of the Vincennes commandery. In church relations he is a Methodist. Being a man of genial presence, good judgment and wide reading, he has made many friends not only in the teaching profession but in all the principal walks of life. He is an eloquent and fluent speaker and as a public lecturer his services are in constant demand and he could easily devote his entire time to that work. From a country school teacher to the presidency of a university is a long step; but such a step

is not made by chance. Dr. Ellis has fairly won all the honors which have come to him and now, in the prime of life and usefulness, he is daily attempting to perform his duty not only to the university but in all the relations of membership in the great brotherhood of man. His work and influence are entirely in harmony with the lessons which he learned at the humble fireside of an early Indiana home; and these lessons have brought what they will always bring, when rightly obeyed, a "peace of mind" which not only is synonymous with happiness but is that ideal condition which "passeth understanding."

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### JOHN L. DONALDSON.

The banking interests of Bicknell are ably represented by John L. Donaldson, who for ten years past has filled the position of cashier of the Citizens Bank of that place. He was born on a farm near Wheatland, Knox county, December 6, 1865, and is a son of Winthrop F. and Susan (Staley) Donaldson. The father was also a native of Knox county, and was one of its most substantial farmers. He departed this life in 1876. The mother was born in Pennsylvania and came to Knox county, where she was married. She also died in 1876. Seven children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson: Lillie, the wife of W. S. Williams, a farmer living near Vincennes; J. L., our subject; Eli, now in the restaurant business at Bicknell; Maggie, the wife of B. F. Byers, sheriff of Knox county; Charles, formerly of Peoria, Illinois, and now deceased; Anna, deceased; and Sanford, a farmer living near Wheatland. Mr. Donaldson, Sr., contracted a marriage previous to the one mentioned above, and there were four children born to that union: Mary, deceased; William, of Vincennes; George W., now in the buggy business at Vincennes; and Amanda, deceased.

John L. Donaldson was educated in the district schools and at eighteen years of age began devoting his attention to farming. After one and one-half years he took up his residence at Bicknell and was employed as clerk in a store for eighteen months. Having acquired a good general knowledge of mercantile affairs, he purchased a half interest in the business, to which he devoted his attention until 1900, having in the meantime acquired ownership of the entire concern. This he still retains, but for ten years past he has been giving his close personal attention, as cashier, to the Citizens Bank, of which he was one of the organizers and which has become one of the flourishing and well established financial institutions of Knox county, the officers being: R. M. Robison of Vincennes, president; G. W. Donaldson, vice president; J. L. Donaldson, cashier; and N. P. Sartor, assistant cashier. Mr. Donaldson is also vice president of the Citizens Building & Loan Association of Bicknell, and is the owner of about twenty

business houses and residences in Bicknell, also being largely interested in real-estate investments elsewhere.

In 1893 our subject was united in marriage to Miss Maude Ballou, of Bicknell, and two children have come to brighten the household: Wayne R. and Byron W., both of whom are students in the public school. Mr. Donaldson ever since arriving at the age of manhood has given his adherence to the republican party. Although he has not sought public office, preferring to concentrate his attention on business pursuits, he has been serving most acceptably as president of the town board since 1909. He is a member of the blue lodge and chapter of the Masonic order at Bicknell, he and his wife were charter members of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Donaldson is a man of fine business ability, and is regarded as one of the safest advisers in matters of investment that is to be met in this part of Knox county. Having grown up in the county and made a special study of its resources and possibilities, he has had advantages not possessed by many persons, and his judgment is seldom at fault. He belongs to the class of men who establish the great industries and form the basis of modern financial, commercial and business life.

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#### ALVIN TRACY McCLURE.

Although in his early business life Alvin Tracy McClure rented land because his capital was insufficient to enable him to purchase property, he is now the owner of valuable farm land in Busseron township, his possessions aggregating two hundred and twenty acres. He was born in Knox county, April 12, 1835. His father, John A. McClure, was a native of Kentucky, and when a young man crossed the Ohio river into Indiana, establishing his home in Knox county, where he followed farming. He was located in Busseron township, and it was upon the old homestead there that his son Alvin was born. The father was three times married. He first-wedded Jane McClure who, though of the same name, was not a relative. They had no children, but following her death, Mr. McClure married Miss Eliza Ann Haddon of Sullivan county, Indiana. They became the parents of three children: Thornton S., Virginia Haddon and Alvin Tracy.

The last named is indebted to the district school system of Knox county for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He was reared to farm work, receiving practical training in the best methods of cultivating the fields and caring for the stock. He aided his father until he had attained his majority and then started out in life for himself, renting a tract of land. He carefully cultivated this property until he had saved from his earnings a sufficient sum to enable him to purchase a farm. After renting



for five years he invested in fifty acres in Busseron township, on which he still resides. This did not content him, however, and he added to his land from time to time until he is now the owner of two hundred and twenty acres, constituting one of the rich and valuable farms of this part of the state. He has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and the land, naturally rich and productive, yields to him splendid harvests. There are good buildings upon his place and he has secured many modern equipments including the latest improved machinery.

In 1859 Mr. McClure was united in marriage to Miss Martha Phillips and unto them were born six children, of whom five are still living: Hannibal Hamlin; William; Henry; Myrtle, who became the wife of Virgil Morgan; and Marrietta, who wedded Claude Williams.

Mr. McClure belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and his life is in harmony with his professions. He is a man of kindly spirit, of generous disposition, and of honorable purpose, and his many salient traits of character have won him high regard and warm friendships. Moreover, his industry has brought to him a substantial measure of success, and he is now classed with the representative and valued agriculturists of his native county.

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#### ELI M. DONALDSON.

Eli M. Donaldson, who is identified with the business interests of Bicknell, but devotes a large part of his time to training dogs, was born in Steen township, Knox county, September 7, 1867. He is a son of Winthrop F. and Susan (Staley) Donaldson and a brother of John L. Donaldson, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Donaldson was educated in the district schools of Steen township and reared under the parental roof, his parents, however, having been called away when he was ten years of age. As a lad of fifteen he began his struggle with the world and for five years engaged in farming in Steen township. However, he was not entirely happy upon the farm, so he accepted a clerkship in the general store of his half-brother, G. W. Donaldson, at Bicknell. In this position he continued for one year, when his brother, John L., purchased the business, our subject remaining in the establishment under the new management for a period of two years. He next engaged in mining, which he followed for about six years. He was born with a love for animals, especially dogs, and from his boyhood has always had control over dogs which ordinarily people do not possess. This unusual faculty, which is born in the individual and can be cultivated only to a moderate degree, he now decided to put to practical use and he began devoting his entire time to the training of dogs, in which he has since engaged with marked success, having gained a wide reputation in



his specialty. In the summer of each year he conducts an ice cream parlor at Bicknell.

In 1888 Mr. Donaldson was happily united in marriage at Bicknell to Miss Minnie E. Wilson, a niece of Richard Freeman, who is known as the father of the Bicknell coal mines. Two children have been born to this union, Bonnie Ethel and Carl Eli, both of whom are at home. Politically Mr. Donaldson is in thorough sympathy with the republican party and is a stanch supporter of its candidates. He and his entire family are valued members of the Christian church and active workers in every laudable undertaking which gives promise of enhancing the comfort and permanent happiness of those with whom they are associated.

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### JOHN T. SCOTT.

One of the best known and most highly respected men of Knox county is John T. Scott, auditor of the county since 1904, and a public official whose record has been a credit to himself and the public which he so acceptably represents. He is a native of the county and here grew up, later engaging in business and gaining a practical knowledge of men and methods which was a good preparation for the responsibility which he now discharges. A man of genial manner, just discrimination and safe judgment, he was naturally attracted to a position which calls for the constant exercise of trained business discernment and the ability to meet men of all classes and exercise due care in conserving the interests of the county. Mr. Scott was endowed by worthy parents with a goodly heritage of common sense which after all is one of the most valuable boons that can be granted to a human being, and is often worth more than money or lands. No man in the county stands higher in the estimation of friends and acquaintances and the records of his office show that he deserves their full confidence.

He was born in Widner township—named after his grandfather, one of the pioneers of the county—on the 24th of September, 1861. It was the year of the beginning of the great conflict for the Union, and Indiana was in the throes of excitement as her sons enrolled their names in the army and marched away by thousands and tens of thousands, willingly making every sacrifice for a cause they held to be sacred. Mr. Scott was the son of James and Salina (Wallace) Scott, both natives of Sullivan county, Indiana. James Scott came to Knox county in his boyhood with his father, Charles Scott, the family locating upon a farm. The father of our subject became a successful farmer, and was well known as an active worker in the democratic party. He served as a township official, and also as county commissioner. During his term as commissioner the erection of a courthouse was broached, and he was one of the leading advo-

cates of the improvement. Owing to ill health he resigned from that office. He departed this life at the age of fifty-six, in 1876. His wife is still living at the advanced age of seventy-seven years. Seven children were born to them, six of whom are now living.

John T. Scott was educated in the public schools of Freelandville, and as his inclination and talents indicated a business rather than an agricultural career, he turned his attention to the drug trade. For fifteen years he was a member of the firm of Berry & Scott, and there displayed the qualities that have contributed most to his success in a wider field. His sympathies and support have always been with the democratic party, and in November, 1899, he was appointed deputy county auditor under J. D. Williams, the successful democratic candidate. In 1904 Mr. Williams retired and Mr. Scott was appointed to fill the vacancy. At the November election of 1906 he was elected as auditor, and has since served in that position.

On August 2d, 1885, Mr. Scott was united in marriage to Mary A. Cox, a daughter of Henry C. and Jane (Parker) Cox, both of whom were natives of Knox county. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott: Edith, Bonnie, Glenn, Byron and Percy. The parents are members of the Christian church and are among the prominent members of the community whose influence is ever for the advancement of young or old, regardless of church, political or social affiliations.

It has been wisely said that one of the most beautiful flowers that unfolds in the universe is the unblemished human character. A leading object in the career of Mr. Scott has been the cultivation of the better faculties and the attainment of high ideals. Judged by the position he occupies in the estimation of those who personally know him, the object in an important measure has been achieved.

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#### EDGAR N. HASKINS.

No field in America presents a more attractive prospect for usefulness to the mind naturally imbued with a love for humanity than the field of education. So thought Edgar N. Haskins, now superintendent of schools of Knox county, when he entered upon his business career fifteen years ago, and he has seen no reason to reverse his opinion. From the start he earned the money to pay his way through the various schools necessary in the thorough education of the up-to-date teacher and at the feet of some of the most noted teachers and scholars of the present day he has gathered the flowers of wisdom fit to be woven into a beautiful garland of highest ornament and use through life.

Mr. Haskins is a native of Dubois county, Indiana, born on a farm near Jasper, September 18, 1876. His father, Nenian Haskins, removed to Du-

bois county when a boy with his parents, who were among the early settlers of southern Indiana. The family removed from South Carolina in the great tide of immigration that has been flowing westward from the Atlantic coast for more than a hundred years. The mother of our subject, Sarah (Hopkins) Haskins, was born and reared in Dubois county, Indiana, near Jasper. She had seven children, Edgar N. being fifth in order of birth. His father was reared as a farmer and became a veterinary surgeon and stockman. He was born February 5, 1844, and is now living in active pursuit of his business and profession at the age of sixty-six. He served as recorder of Dubois county from 1882 to 1890 and is a man greatly liked by his friends and has a large circle of acquaintances among the best people of the county.

The education of Edgar N. Haskins began at home but was industriously continued in the public schools and later at the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute and the State University. Had he been satisfied with mediocre acquirements he would have preferred an easy life, perhaps as a district-school teacher. Imbued by a great longing to push ahead, without which there is little advancement in any calling, he taught school in the country districts, beginning at the age of seventeen, and earned money to pay for a higher education. No student at the State Normal was more faithful in the preparation of his lessons and the result is seen in the success that has attended his work in any responsibility he has attempted to discharge. He secured the A. B. degree from the university in 1907 but previously he had taught with great acceptance in the high schools of Knox county, at Monroe City and Oaktown. For three years he occupied the position of professor of education at Vincennes university and was elected county superintendent in May, 1909, which position he now fills.

In March, 1901, Mr. Haskins was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Lee Chambers, a native of Knox county and a daughter of William and Adeline (Price) Chambers. The family on both sides is of pioneer ancestry and well known throughout this region. Mr. Haskins has brought to the position he now occupies a sympathy for his work and a trained mind which prophesies most favorably as to results. His earlier experience as a pupil and teacher in the district schools is of great benefit, and a love of his profession and ability to know the wants of the young mind and to gauge its powers is not the least of his qualifications. He is fully in sympathy with the application of the most approved methods of instruction and recognizes that the public schools are the foundation upon which the civilization of America is built. Under his supervision four new school buildings are being erected at a total cost of eighty-five thousand dollars. He is paying special attention to advancement of the standard of the high schools in the various townships of the county according to the new law. He is popular with teachers and pupils and during his term of office has made a pronounced impression for good in all parts of the county.

In religious affiliation Mr. Haskins is a Presbyterian and in all the responsibilities of life his desire has been from the years of his boyhood to per-

form the duties of an honorable citizen and useful member of society. As a teacher in an influential position he commands the respect and esteem of all who know him, and as a gentleman and scholar he is regarded as a safe model for the imitation of a generation upon whose shoulders will in years to come rest the burden of the nation.

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### JOHN W. EMISON, JR.

Some men are instinctively drawn to public life. They are born with the capacity for leadership and to those men no country in the world offers such opportunities for advancement to important positions as America. Notwithstanding the defects in our system of government, talent and aggressiveness when assisted by clear judgment receive their due recognition and in public life are found many of the ablest men of America. Among those who are recognized as important factors in the political affairs of Knox county may be named John W. Emison, who has served for the past five years as postmaster of Vincennes and was recently reappointed to the position. He is one of the best known citizens of Knox county and in business as well as in politics has won his way to merited distinction.

Mr. Emison was born in Knox county, June 21, 1863, a son of John W. and Sarah (Dunning) Emison, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. He received his preliminary education in the common schools and later became a student at De Pauw University. After laying his books aside he returned to the farm and applied himself to agriculture and stock-raising with very favorable results, becoming one of the important factors in the farming interests of the county. At twenty-nine years of age, being attracted to mercantile life, he came to Vincennes and entered the hardware and agricultural implement business under the firm name of Simpson, Emison & Lane. After a few years, having been deprived by death of his two partners, Mr. Emison conducted the business alone, but at the end of three years sold an interest to W. J. Nickelson. He is also identified with a number of other business enterprises and is vice president of the Princeton Milling Company, of Princeton, Indiana, and a member of the board of directors of the Knox County Telephone Company. On December 16, 1905, he was appointed postmaster of Vincennes and was reappointed to the office January 20, 1910.

On May 16, 1889, Mr. Emison was united in marriage to Miss Mary D. Simpson, of this county, a daughter of A. C. and Margaret (McCord) Simpson. The father was a well known farmer of Knox county and is now deceased. Three children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emison: John Clinton, born March 9, 1890, and now a student in the senior class of De Pauw University, who represented the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at the national convention of the organization at Toledo; Richard, born November



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11, 1895, a student in the Vincennes high school; and Robert S., born November 14, 1905.

Mr. Emison has for many years taken an active interest in politics and from the time of reaching manhood has been identified with the republican party. He became prominent in its councils and for two terms filled the office of chairman of the county central committee. He is a valued member of the Methodist church, in which he now fills the position of trustee, and is socially connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Tribe of Ben Hur and the Phi Kappa Psi, a college fraternity. He is a man of fine education, having early in life possessed excellent advantages of mental training. He made a good start at the beginning of his business career and has never turned backward. Of an optimistic temperament, intelligent, progressive and thoroughly earnest in everything he undertakes, he has a large circle of acquaintances and enjoys a reputation as a man of good judgment and one who possesses those attributes that belong to a good citizen. It is safe to prophecy that he will never lend his influence to anything which in his opinion is not to the advantage of the community.

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#### CLARENCE B. KESSINGER.

It is a mistake to imagine that a man belongs to himself. A little consideration will show that he belongs in an important degree to the community in which he lives, to his family and to those interests that are alive to the permanent welfare of others. Clarence B. Kessinger early learned that he owed a duty to others and his life has largely been influenced by an altruism that seeks to make easier the rugged paths that lie in the way of a majority of the human race. As president of a hospital, member of the Childrens Board of Guardians and trustee of the Orphans Home, he has exercised an influence in ameliorating the ills of both sexes and all ages, and the lives of the young, in a degree not known ordinarily to men of important business or professional affairs. This work has been to him a duty lightly to be borne and in no sense a burden, as it is the expression of a kindly nature with which he was endowed by worthy parents.

Mr. Kessinger is a native of Bruceville, Indiana, born April 28, 1859. He is the son of William M. Kessinger, who is still living at the age of eighty-three, and Margaret J. Kessinger, who was called away in 1905, at the age of seventy-one years. He received his preliminary education in the public schools and then attended the Vincennes high school, from which he was graduated in 1878. It is an old saying that where there is a will there is a way, and the young man just entering the doorway of an active career, decided to adopt the legal profession as his life work. After the usual course of study, in which he showed an aptitude which was prophetic of future success, he was admitted to the bar and began practice at Vin-

cennes in 1884. During the time that has since elapsed, a period of twenty-six years, he has continued in practice in the community where he made his start, and in a high sense has attained an important place at the bar of Knox county. The happy possessor of business judgment which is not always an accompaniment of acknowledged professional ability, he is interested in a rolling mill, in farming and in coal mining and has attained a gratifying reputation in the business world. Habits of industry, capacity to grasp and hold the principles of his profession, and a facility in presenting the salient points in any case so as to interest and convince the court or jury, have been among the important elements in the success of Mr. Kessinger at the bar. In the course of many years of contact with others he has made a wide acquaintance not only in Knox county, but in many other parts of the state and his advice has been sought in many matters of importance. He is known as one of the safest counselors, and as an attorney who will not accept a case unless he feels that the cause is based upon law and reason.

On April 28, 1891, Mr. Kessinger was united in marriage to Miss Inez M. Harris, a daughter of Dr. F. M. and Catharine Harris, of Vincennes, but she died July 17, 1899. Two daughters survive, Katharine and Dorothy.

Mr. Kessinger is a consistent member of the Christian church and also holds membership in the Masonic order and the Pastime Club. In politics he is independent, but has never been a seeker for public office. In all affairs pertaining to the permanency and well being of the city he takes an active interest as is shown by his position in connection with the Art Association and the city cemetery. In those traits of character that shine out brighter under difficulty or adversity he is largely endowed and no hand is more ready than his to respond to worthy calls for assistance. As an unassuming influence for good, few could claim precedence in Vincennes over the generous-hearted and respected representative of the bar whose name stands at the head of this review.

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#### SHERMAN G. DAVENPORT.

It has often been remarked that the man who never does anything he doesn't want to do, develops no character. There is no royal road to the attainment of an upright and noble character, unassailable to temptation, to indifference or slothfulness, even in its subtler forms, and persistent in its demands for opportunity and place for the exercise of trained judgment and tried ability. Sherman G. Davenport is a practical exemplification of self-conquest through self-help and the attainment of a laudable ambition to occupy a useful and honorable position among his fellowmen. This position has been reached, as it almost invariably must be, through careful



preparation, strong determination and faith in the ultimate recognition of one who is under the safe guidance of high aims.

Born on a farm in Pike county, Indiana, December 25, 1866, Mr. Davenport possessed the inestimable advantage of being reared in close contact with nature, thus building a good foundation physically for hard work as a student and at the bar. He is the son of George W. and Elizabeth (De Bruler) Davenport, his father being of English Puritan and his mother of French Huguenot descent. This combination has been regarded by genealogists and historians as one of the best in the world. George W. Davenport was the son of William C. Davenport whose father, Chappell Davenport of Virginia, was a brother of Colonel William Davenport, who served in the United States army in the war of 1812, and died in Philadelphia. The mother of our subject was the daughter of William G. De Bruler, whose father, Charles De Bruler, emigrated from North Carolina at an early day. The paternal great-grandfather of Mr. Davenport was the owner of a large plantation in Virginia and also an extensive slave owner, but his property was lost to the family by the Civil war. The younger generation of Davenports in Indiana sympathized fully with the cause of the Union and George W. Davenport and three of his brothers served in the Federal army.

Mr. Davenport, of this review, attended the common schools until he was about seventeen years of age, when he had advanced sufficiently in the various branches to be able to pass examination as a teacher. For four years he taught school, at the same time being a diligent student of history and literature and acquiring a fund of knowledge both from books and human nature that has assisted in no small degree in his further advancement. Having a logical mind and not being attracted to teaching as a life work, he turned his attention to the legal profession as a promising field for the full exercise of his powers. He entered the law office of A. A. Ely of Petersburg, Pike county, and there pursued the study of law during the years 1888 and 1889. Upon being admitted to the bar, he formed a partnership with Mr. Ely, which continued until the senior member of the firm went to the bench as judge of the circuit court in 1895. Mr. Davenport then practiced alone in Petersburg for ten years, during which time he built up a large clientage and became known throughout the county as one of its most promising attorneys.

In March, 1905, seeking a wider field, he formed a partnership with Hon. John Wilhelm and removed to Vincennes, where he soon gained recognition as one of its most energetic and capable practitioners. Each step in his career has given him a wider outlook, has been accompanied by a deeper appreciation of responsibilities and has found him capable in a larger degree for the duties of his profession. From his entrance into public life an adherent of the democratic party, he has contributed to the extent of his ability upon the platform and in the support of men and measures at all times that commanded his confidence and respect. As a stump

speaker he is forceful and effective, possessing as he does a clear understanding of the issues and the happy knack of catching and holding the attention of his auditors even under trying circumstances. Not an office-seeker, he has always responded with alacrity to the call of friends and has made many lasting friendships by his disinterested endeavors in their behalf. In questions pertaining to national affairs, many of which are now of world-wide significance, Mr. Davenport is thoroughly at home, and while he is conservative in his interpretations, he is not one who will shield the wrong-doer even though he be of his own family. He has been a lifelong student of the principles of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln, and holds those public men in highest reverence who have sacrificed most for the public good. In social affiliations he is actively identified with Tecumseh Camp, No. 3945, of the Modern Woodmen of America, which is located at Vincennes. He fills the position of venerable consul of the camp, the highest local office in the order. He is also a member of the First Presbyterian church of Vincennes, and is known as a consistent follower of an organization whose teachings are heard in all civilized countries and in many distant regions still under the thrall of barbarism.

On September 10, 1903, at Louisville, Kentucky, Mr. Davenport was united in marriage with Miss Eva W. Bruner, a daughter of Henry C. and Jane E. (Whitcomb) Bruner. Her father, now deceased, was a native of Pennsylvania, but removed to Louisville, Kentucky, where he for many years was a wholesale and retail produce merchant. Mrs. Bruner was a member of the same family as was Governor Whitcomb of Indiana. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Davenport: Lyndon Lee, born October 23, 1906; and Edwin Alan, born May 5, 1910. The family circle is one where peace and happiness have their abode and the children are being reared under conditions most favorable for the development of upright character and sturdy purpose, which have been the salient characteristics of their father. While Mr. Davenport ranks with the leading attorneys of Vincennes, he shirks no responsibility appealing to the spirit of generosity or philanthropy inherent in the breast of every true citizen, and in all problems arising in a busy life attempts to perform his duty.

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#### JOHN G. HART.

The men who fought for the Union when its life was assailed will always be greatly remembered by friends of liberty. John G. Hart, who has engaged for more than twenty years in the drug business at Bicknell, wore the blue, and is recognized by his friends and acquaintances as a man who always stands fearlessly for his convictions and is as patriotic today as he was forty-five years ago when patriotism meant service in line of battle. He was born

in Spencer county, Indiana, November 26, 1845, and is a son of Henry and Maria (Bryant) Hart. The father was born in Owensboro, Kentucky, and came to Indiana in the pioneer days about 1825. He located near Rockport, Spencer county, but moved to Livingston county, Illinois, in 1856, where he lived for four years. In 1860 he returned to Indiana, locating in Fountain county, and in 1870 became a citizen of Knox county. He lived on a farm six miles southwest of Vincennes until his death, which occurred in 1876. He was a very prosperous farmer and was always highly respected by those with whom he came in contact. Politically he adhered to the republican party. He was a man of strong religious convictions and a consistent member of the Methodist church. The mother was a native of Fountain county. She was married in 1844 and was called from earthly scenes in 1894. There were six children in the family: J. G., our subject; James, of Arkansas; D. M., of Wisconsin; Josephine, of Champaign, Illinois; B. J., of St. Louis; and W. H., also of St. Louis.

John G. Hart was educated in the district schools and grew up under the kindly influences of a happy home. In May, 1861, although he was not yet seventeen years of age, he enlisted in Company I, Twentieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for a period of three years. The regiment was sent to the front and participated in the battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh and in a number of less important engagements. During the siege of Vicksburg, while making a charge on the enemy, Private Hart received a wound in the forearm which rendered him unfit for further military service and from which he never fully recovered. He was honorably discharged November 1, 1863, and after returning home resumed his school studies and for one year was a student in the seminary at Perrysville, Indiana. After leaving the seminary he devoted his attentions to farming in Knox county until 1881, when he moved to Bicknell and established a meat market, which he conducted for eight years. Since 1889 he has been identified with the drug business, having been in this line more successive years than any other druggist in Bicknell. He carries a well selected stock of drugs, paints, oils, wall paper, stationery, etc., and is now at the head of one of the most completely equipped establishments of the kind in the county. He owns the commodious home in which he lives on North Main street.

In 1868 Mr. Hart was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Keith, of Perrysville, Indiana. Three children were born to the union, Maude, May and Myrtle, all of whom are deceased. Mr. Hart is a member of the Indiana Retail Druggists Association and of the Grand Army of the Republic, having filled all of the offices of the local post. He also holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the encampment and the Rebekahs and has passed through all of the chairs in the subordinate lodge and encampment. Politically he is a staunch adherent of the republican party and, although he has not been an office seeker, he served with general acceptance as township assessor for four years. He is a firm believer in the fundamental principles upon which the American republic is founded and a consistent advocate of

honesty and square dealing in public as well as private affairs. He has the happy faculty of making and retaining friends and no man in Knox county is more highly respected by those who know him than the gentleman whose life record is herewith presented.

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W. V. BARR, SR.

W. V. Barr, Sr., a well known hotel and livery man of Bicknell, is a native of Knox county, having been born at Bruceville, April 25, 1854. He is a man of large experience, honorable and straightforward in business, who by his affable and courteous manner has made many friends not only in the community where he lives but among the traveling public generally. He is a son of William V. and Sarah J. (Piety) Barr. The father was born in Daviess county, Indiana, and came to Knox county in his boyhood, where he lived until his death, which occurred when our subject was two weeks old. He was a tailor by trade. Grandfather Robert Barr was a pioneer of Daviess and Knox counties. The mother was born in Knox county and is a daughter of William Piety who took up his home in Indiana when the Indians were roaming at large over the country. Mrs. Barr was married in Knox county and is now living at an advanced age in Salem, Oregon. There were two children in the family, the elder of whom was called away early in life and the younger is the subject of this review. Mrs. Barr was married a second time, her husband being J. M. Woodruff, of Johnson county, Indiana. By her second marriage she was the mother of five children: Alice May; James M., now living at Los Angeles, California, and identified with wireless telegraphy; Rose L., with her mother in Oregon; Benjamin, of Johnson county, Indiana; and Piety, deceased.

W. V. Barr was educated in the public schools and later took a course of six months in bookkeeping at Butler University. He began his active career upon the farm in Knox county, continuing for four years, at the end of which time he removed to Bruceville where he conducted a store for five years. However, he was again attracted to farming pursuits and spent thirteen years cultivating the soil and raising stock for the market. In 1899 he came to Bicknell and took charge of a hotel and livery establishment, being now at the head of the oldest business of the kind in Bicknell. By good management and careful attention to the wants of the public, he has built up a patronage which is a credit to himself and has proven of marked benefit to the community.

In 1877 Mr. Barr was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Willis and unto them nine children were born: Jennie, deceased; Walter C., now a bookkeeper and secretary of a coal company at Jasonville, Greene county, Indiana; Elsie M., the wife of Loren Roysdale, of Bicknell; Myrtle R., the wife of Milton Dugger, a farmer, living near Bicknell; William V., Jr. deceased;

Susie also deceased; Reba, at home; Frank W., deceased; and Maurice at home.

Mr. Barr is what is known as a "straight" republican and has a firm conviction that the prosperity of the country depends very greatly upon the success of the republican party. He and his family are members of the Christian church, of which he is a deacon and trustee, and in which they are all active workers. Mr. and Mrs. Barr have experienced many joys and sorrows, their deepest sorrows being caused by the visitations of death whose unwelcome messenger called four beloved members of the home circle from earthly scenes. Sustained by an unfaltering trust in Divine Providence, the father and mother await a happy reunion with those from whom they are now separated. Mr. Barr has found in his wife a loving companion whose sympathy and advice have been to him of incalculable value.

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#### FRANK F. PLASS.

Although a young man, Frank F. Plass is widely and favorably known as a representative of the agricultural and financial interests of Knox county, his time and attention being occupied with the cultivation of an extensive farm and with solving the intricate problems of finance in connection with the Farmers & Merchants' Bank of Vincennes.

He was born on the old family homestead on which he resides on the 26th of February, 1882. The property is located on the Evansville road on a switch of the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad, two miles north of Decker. His parents were Henry and Mary (Bocks) Plass. The father, a native of Germany, came to the new world when thirteen years of age, the voyage across the Atlantic being terminated at New Orleans, whence the family at once traveled northward until they came to Knox county, Indiana, where a settlement was made. It was in this county that Henry Plass was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bocks, and unto them have been born two sons, of whom Frank F. Plass of this review is the elder.

The house in which he now resides was the birthplace of Frank F. Plass, and there he spent his youthful days which were largely devoted to the acquirement of an education in the public schools. He became associated with his father in the conduct and development of an extensive and valuable farm of three hundred and thirty acres which is devoted to the raising of grain and melons, although they make a specialty of the latter. They were the first people to raise the Paradise Gem melon in this part of the country. The soil of their place is especially adapted to the cultivation of melons and annually they send from their farm extensive shipments, which find a ready sale on the market because of the size, quality and flavor. The business has grown to large proportions, and the farm constitutes a profitable source of income. In addition to his other inter-

ests, Mr. Plass is also identified with the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank as its vice president.

In 1906 was celebrated the marriage of Frank Plass and Miss Minnie Cook, and they now have two interesting children, Alice and Norman. He holds membership with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Decker. He is accorded wide and favorable recognition in business, and the record which he has made reflects credit upon an untarnished family name.

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### WILLIAM E. KESSINGER, M. D.

For twenty-five years past in active practice in Knox county, Dr. William E. Kessinger of Bicknell, has become widely known in the county, and has acquired an enviable reputation in his profession. His success has been due to conscientious endeavor and a thorough knowledge of the principles of medical practice as presented by the best authorities and observed in daily application.

He was born in Bruceville, November 20, 1855, and is a son of William M. and Margaret J. (Bruce) Kessinger. The original name of the family was Kissingen, the spelling having been changed in this country in the latter part of the sixteenth century by three brothers who were obliged to flee from Germany on account of their political opinions and take refuge in the American colonies. One of the brothers located in Virginia, another in Pennsylvania, and the third in Ohio, and members of the family are now found in the principal states of the Union.

The father of our subject was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and came to Knox county in 1850, locating at Bruceville as a wagon maker. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in an Illinois regiment and served for about one hundred days. After returning home he began farming near Russellville, Illinois, but about 1871 or 1872 returned to Bruceville, and is now spending his declining years at the Soldiers' Home among his old army comrades. The mother of our subject was born in 1829 at Bruceville, being a daughter of Major Bruce and a member of a prominent Knox county family, after which the town of Bruceville was named. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kessinger: L. A., now practicing osteopathy at Beloit, Kansas; William E., our subject; E. M., a physician of Sandborn, Indiana, now deceased; C. B., an attorney of Vincennes; Ozro, who died in infancy; Hettie, the wife of Darwin Anderson, a real estate dealer of Pasadena, California; Flora E., who died at the age of twenty-three years; and Pearl, the wife of Dr. James McDowell of Bruceville.

William E. Kessinger received his preliminary education in the common schools, later attending the Central Normal School at Danville, after which he taught school for seven years in Knox county. In the meantime he had decided to adopt a professional career and he gave up school teaching, be-

coming a student in the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, Kentucky, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1885. Immediately after receiving his diploma he located at Sandborn, Knox county, where he practiced until he took up his residence at Bicknell, June 21, 1909. He is known as a leading physician of the county, and is also prominently identified with the social and financial interests of his adopted town. He is an extensive holder of real estate in Sandborn and Bicknell and of farm properties in Greene and Martin counties.

In 1890 Dr. Kessinger was united in marriage to Miss May Anderson, of Greene county. Two children have been born to them, Donna M. and E. Virchow, both of whom are at home. Dr. Kessinger is a member of the state and county medical societies, and since 1888 has been a stanch adherent of the prohibition party but previously was an upholder of the principles and platforms of the democratic party. He and his estimable wife are members of the Christian church and are at all times ready to assist in forwarding any worthy cause that aims to promote the permanent welfare of the community. Being a gentleman of pleasing address, engaging personality and genial nature, Dr. Kessinger has a host of friends in Knox county and is recognized as one of its most worthy citizens.

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### JOHN WILHELM.

A man of force and inflexibility of character seldom fails to make his mark. The truth of this statement is shown on many pages of history and is exemplified in many life sketches contained in this volume. The career of John Wilhelm is an illustration of the attainment of wide and beneficent influence through a life of ceaseless activity always spent in worthy aims. A farmer boy, he earned the money that enabled him to spend several years in preparation for the legal profession, in which by steady and conscientious application to his calling he has attained a place among the leading lawyers of Knox county. In important positions which he has been invited to fill he has shown a trained judgment and a native ability which have commanded the respect even of opponents and are most important attributes in any lawyer who aspires to high rank among his fellowmen. After twenty-five years at the bar Mr. Wilhelm's sphere of influence is by no means confined to Knox county and his clientage is not restricted to the state of Indiana. His high position is the direct result of devotion to his profession, which he has always regarded with highest honor and intimate knowledge of the natures and character of men.

John Wilhelm was born near Mount Carmel, Wabash county, Illinois, May 10, 1856, and is the son of Conrad and Gertrude (Smith) Wilhelm. The father came when a child to the United States from Germany with his parents, the family locating at Mount Carmel. Here he was married and resided



until his death, which occurred when the subject of this review was a small child. The mother of our subject departed this life at an advanced age in 1893.

John Wilhelm was one of the younger members of the family. He was reared on the farm with his widowed mother and four sisters, assisting in summer to the best of his ability in the farm work and attending the public schools of the neighborhood in the winter. Here he acquired the best education the limited facilities could afford. Eager for wider knowledge, he became a student in the schools of South Bend, Indiana, at the age of seventeen and later pursued a course in a business college at Evansville, Indiana. Having become in a large degree self-supporting, he spent a year in the mercantile business at Mount Carmel, at other times earning money on the farm and also taking up the study of law, to which his mind had been attracted years before he reached manhood. This study continued over a period of six years, from 1874 to 1880. In the latter year he presented himself for examination and was admitted to the bar.

At the age of twenty-four years Mr. Wilhelm began practice, selecting Vincennes as his home. During the years that have since passed he has continued in Vincennes, where by his pleasing manners he early made many friends whose esteem he has always retained. He has been awarded a fair share of the best law practice in Knox and adjoining counties and also in the region across the river in Illinois. His first experience in office was as school director in his home district in Illinois. He was chosen for the position before he became of age and succeeded in introducing much needed improvements in the school. In May, 1885, Mr. Wilhelm was nominated as mayor of Vincennes and elected without opposition, receiving almost the entire vote of the city at the general election. Two years later he was reelected to the same office by a large majority, attesting the popularity of an administration that met the hearty approval of the people. On the 8th of June, 1896, Mr. Wilhelm was elected city attorney of Vincennes by the city council, serving for four years. In May, 1900, he was again elected and served until June, 1902. In March, 1905, he was elected city attorney for the third time and served until January, 1906, when pressure of a growing law business caused him to resign. This record of twice as mayor and three times as city attorney has never been duplicated in Vincennes. In all his acts while in public office Mr. Wilhelm was governed by a desire to be just and never made use of his position except in the interest of law and order and with a consistent policy of advancing the permanent welfare of the city. After resigning as city attorney he was appointed by Judge Orlando H. Cobb as a member of the board of trustees of the Good Samaritan Hospital, serving in this capacity three years until the hospital was erected and fully equipped. He declined reappointment. Mr. Wilhelm is connected with a number of corporations in a legal capacity and also as stockholder, and is highly popular among the business men with many of whom he has been closely associated.



On the 20th of December, 1883, occurred the marriage of Mr. Wilhelm and Miss Minnie E. Browne, a daughter of William E. and Cornelia Browne of Vincennes and granddaughter of Dr. Joseph Browne and Colonel John Clark, both well known pioneers of Knox county.

Mr. Wilhelm has not given much time to secret societies but is a member of Lodge No. 291, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Vincennes. He affiliates with the democratic party, whose principles early appealed to his judgment, as he believes in granting the widest liberty to the individual consistent with a fair recognition of the rights and privileges of others. Inheriting from worthy ancestry the qualities of character that make the energetic and useful citizen, Mr. Wilhelm has by his example and influence represented the best elements of society and is recognized as one of the stanch and true men of Knox county, whose voice is heard in behalf not of the majority but of all—meaning every man, woman and child in the community.

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#### JOSEPH P. DUTTON.

Joseph P. Dutton, a well known representative of farming interests in Palmyra township is today the owner of an extensive tract of land of three hundred and twenty acres, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation, and which in its thrifty and well kept appearance indicates his untiring energy and capable management. He was born in Knox county on the 2d of April, 1837, at the old family home situated on donation 78. His father, Jacob Dutton, was a native of Virginia, who, leaving the south, made his way to Indiana, where he cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Knox county. Here he aided in the development of the wild land, securing a tract which he converted into good fields, although many hardships and privations formed features in the household life in those early days.

Joseph P. Dutton pursued his education in the district schools of Palmyra township. He was a little lad of seven years when he went to live with his uncle, Joseph Pickel, with whom he remained until the uncle's death. He became his associate in farming pursuits and was connected with him in the purchase of one hundred and seventy-five acres of land in donation 115, Steen township. This tract is now the property of Mr. Dutton, who, from time to time, has added to his holdings, purchasing twenty-five acres in donation 78, Palmyra township, on which he now resides, and later ninety-five acres more in donation 78. His holdings aggregate three hundred and twenty acres, and the land is very rich and productive, responding readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, and in all of his work has been practical as well as progressive. His success has logically followed his unfaltering industry and perseverance.

On the 1st of January, 1868, Mr. Dutton was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Harbin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Harbin, natives of North Carolina and Ireland, respectively. Her parents were married in this county, where they continued to make their home until called to their final rest, their remains being interred in Wheatland cemetery. This union of Mr. and Mrs. Dutton has been blessed with five children: Barbara, who is now the wife of Herman W. Myer and has two children: Gertrude, at home; Doris, who is the wife of Arthur Smith and has four children; Grace, who married Frank Shaw and has three children; and Clement L., who aids his father in the cultivation and management of the home farm.

In his political views Mr. Dutton has long been an advocate of the democratic party and supports its candidates at the polls. He has never sought nor desired office for himself, however, for other interests make full claim upon his time. He belongs to Bicknell Lodge, No. 535, A. F. & A. M., of which he is regarded as an exemplary representative. He is today numbered among the extensive and prominent farmers of Knox county. In all of his business affairs he is thoroughly reliable and throughout his life has manifested a strong purpose that has enabled him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. His genuine worth has made him highly esteemed by all and no history of Knox county would be complete without the record of his life, for during seventy-three years he has resided within its borders, being among the oldest of its native sons.

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#### C. E. FREEMAN.

C. E. Freeman, who for the past twelve years has acted as secretary of both the Bicknell Coal Company and the Freeman Coal Company, is widely recognized as one of the most prominent and successful young business men of Bicknell and Knox county. His birth occurred near Washington, Daviess county, Indiana, on the 10th of October, 1872, his father being Richard Freeman, now a leading and respected resident of Bicknell. He attended the schools of that town until fourteen years of age and then began working in the mines, being thus employed for some years. Subsequently he was engaged in the drug business for a period of four years and after the death of his uncle assumed the duties of secretary of both the Bicknell Coal Company and the Freeman Coal Company, having acted in those capacities for the past twelve years. The Bicknell mine has now been in operation for twenty years, and during this entire period only one man has been killed, while the Freeman mine has also had only one fatality in its five years of development. Mr. Freeman is likewise a direc-

tor in the Bicknell Land Company and the Jasonville Home Coal Company, owning an interest in the latter concern.

In 1900 Mr. Freeman was united in marriage to Miss Allie Bicknell, by whom he has three children, namely: June, Rush and Miles. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, for he believes that its principles are most conducive to good government. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to the lodge and chapter at Bicknell, while both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Freeman is likewise a devoted member of the Christian church. They have an extensive circle of friends throughout the community and the hospitality of the best homes is cordially extended to them.

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#### FREEMAN COAL COMPANY.

The Freeman Coal Company was organized on the 13th of January, 1904, with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars, which has been raised twice. Richard Freeman has served as superintendent since the time of its organization, and is still its heaviest stockholder. The first president of the company was Adam Joseph, while the present chief executive officer is C. B. Kessinger of Vincennes. The mine has a capacity of fifteen hundred tons per day and two hundred and thirty men are employed in its operation.

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#### BICKNELL COAL COMPANY.

The Bicknell Coal Company was organized on the 15th of May, 1890, with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars, which was raised to twenty-five thousand dollars on the 20th of June, 1910. The first president of the concern was G. W. Filler of Indianapolis, the next J. E. Horn of Bicknell, and then Adam Joseph (now deceased) was made its head. C. B. Kessinger of Vincennes next acted as chief executive officer, while T. M. Byers of Bicknell, holds that position at the present time. The Bicknell mine is the oldest mine on the Vincennes & Indianapolis road and was for a number of years the only mine in Bicknell. The Indian Creek mine was the first one organized here, Richard Freeman acting as superintendent. When that gentleman first came to Bicknell, the mine was held up on account of debt and judiciously abandoned. Taking charge, he reinstated the mine, which had a capacity of three hundred tons per day. The Bicknell mine has a capacity of four hundred tons. About four o'clock each morning an inspector starts on his rounds, visiting every part of the mine,

and if he discovers an escapement or dangerous amount of gas, he makes a note of it and the employes are duly warned. All precautions are taken in order that no accident may occur. About seventy-five men are employed in the mine.

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### JUDGE ORLANDO H. COBB.

Orlando H. Cobb, for ten years judge for the twelfth judicial circuit, is an able lawyer of southwestern Indiana whose course on the bench has been distinguished by the highest legal ability. To wear the ermine worthily it is not enough that one possess legal acumen, is learned in the principles of jurisprudence, familiar with precedents and thoroughly honest. Many men, even when acting uprightly, are wholly unable to divest themselves of prejudice and are unconsciously warped in their judgments by their own mental characteristics or educational peculiarities. This unconscious and variable disturbing force enters more or less into the judgments of all men, but in the ideal jurist this factor becomes so small as not to be discernable in results and loses its potency as a disturbing force. Judge Cobb is exceptionally free from all judicial bias. His varied legal learning and wide experience in the courts, the patient care with which he ascertains all the facts bearing upon every case which comes before him, gives his decisions a solidity and an exhaustiveness from which no member of the bar can take exception.

One of Indiana's native sons, Mr. Cobb was born in Lawrence county on the 18th of November, 1850. His father, Thomas R. Cobb, was a native of the same county, while the grandfather, Dickson Cobb, was a young lad of eight years when he came with his parents from South Carolina to this state, the family home being established in Lawrence county, where the different generations of the family have been connected with farming interests. Thomas R. Cobb, the father of Orlando H. Cobb, followed farming in his younger days, then took up the study of law and began practicing in 1851 at Bedford, Indiana. His success was almost immediate and he was soon accorded an extensive clientage. From the first he was also prominent in politics and was honored with election to the office of state senator from the counties of Lawrence and Martin for two terms. In 1868 he came to Vincennes and took up the practice of law. Here, as in his former place of residence, he was soon accorded an eminent position as a member of the bar and as a political leader, and was elected to congress, serving for five consecutive terms from the second congressional district. He proved an active working member of the national law-making body and was closely connected with much important constructive legislation. He believed that the party should stand for principle and not serve merely as a machine for the election of certain men, and he strictly

advocated the measures which he deemed would prove of widespread value. Such was the confidence reposed in his political integrity and his ability to capably fill public office that he might have continued indefinitely in positions of public trust, but preferring to give his attention to private affairs, he retired and looked after his extensive farming and other interests, for he had made large investment in property and was closely connected with agricultural affairs in this part of the state. He died June 22, 1892, mourned by all who knew him, for he had been a faithful representative of the people, a brilliant lawyer, and moreover, a devoted and loyal friend. His congressional record was marked by his championship of the railroad land grant commission through which were recovered many thousands of acres for the people. This was but one of his legislative acts which were of marked value to the public. He was very active in the interests of his constituents and stood as a high type of American lawyer and statesman. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Caroline Anderson, was a native of Lawrence county, Indiana, and was one of the noted family which included Major Anderson, commander of Fort Sumter. The death of Senator Cobb occurred on the 22d of June, 1892, and his widow survived until the 7th of July, 1907.

Orlando was the eldest of five children, three sons and two daughters. While spending his youthful days in his parents' home, he was a pupil in the schools of Lawrence county and afterward was graduated from the Indiana University in 1872, with the degree of B. S. He took up the study of law under the direction of his father and was graduated in 1873 from the law department of the University of Indiana. He then located for practice in Vincennes, where he has since remained. From 1874 until 1878 he served as deputy prosecuting attorney, and in 1880 was chosen to the office of county attorney for a four years' term. In 1886 he was elected prosecuting attorney and filled that position for four years, at the end of which time, in 1900, he was chosen judge of the twelfth judicial circuit and has since remained upon the bench, covering a period of ten years. The judge has great respect for the dignity of judicial place and power, and as a result of that personal characteristic the proceedings of his court are always orderly upon the part of every one—audience, bar and the officers, from the highest to the lowest. His opinions are fine specimens of judicial thought, always clear, logical, and as brief as the character of the case will permit. He never enlarges beyond the necessities of the legal thought in order to indulge in the drapery of literature. His mind during the entire period of his course at the bar and on the bench has been directed in the line of his profession and his duty. Judge O. H. Cobb presided in the trial of the state versus Menlo Moore for the homicide of Charles E. Gibson, which attracted general attention throughout the United States. The instructions of Judge Cobb to the jury in that trial, though numerous and lengthy, were accepted by all of the attorneys in the case as a correct statement of the law without exception.

On the 11th of November, 1874, Mr. Cobb was married to Miss Elizabeth Beckes, a daughter of Thomas P. Beckes, an old and respected resident of Vincennes. His fraternal relations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a popular man who has the confidence of all. In manner modest and unassuming, his honorable course in every relation of life has made him known as the worthy son of a worthy sire.

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### SHULER McCORMICK.

Shuler McCormick, prosecuting attorney of Knox county, although one of the youngest practitioners at the bar in the county, has gained a fine reputation in his profession and in the opinion of his friends is destined for a brilliant career. He is a native of Knox county and was born in Johnson township, February 6, 1886, a son of John and Sarah (Smithmeyer) McCormick, the former of whom was born in Knox county in 1844 and the latter in Wayne county, Indiana, in 1850. The father was a soldier in the Civil war enlisting in 1863, and was with General Burnside in the siege of Knoxville. He served for six months and was honorably mustered out in 1864. The family is one of the pioneer families of Knox county and has been identified with the interests of this county for nearly one hundred years. Of the children born to John and Sarah McCormick nine are now living: John E., who married Minnie Rhodarmel and is the father of six children; Annie E., living at home; Margaret, the wife of E. B. Price and the mother of three children; Pearl, the wife of J. L. Trueblood and the mother of three children; H. D., a practicing physician of Vincennes; Jasper and Shuler, twins, the former of whom married Mina Johnson and has become the father of one child, and the latter the subject of this review; Blanche, the wife of Maurice Stangle and the mother of two children; and Phyllis, living at home.

Shuler McCormick received his preliminary education in the common schools and graduated from the University of Vincennes in the class of 1906. He next entered the Cincinnati Law School and graduated from that institution with the title of LL. B. in 1908. Mr. McCormick as a student concentrated his energies in a remarkable degree, as is evidenced from the fact that he completed a four years' course in the high school in two years, in the university in three and one-half years, also completing the three years' course at the law school in two years. During this time he was recognized as a leader among his fellow students and won several prizes in oratorical contests, showing a power of research and an ability as a public speaker which were highly prophetic of his success after entering upon the duties of his profession. He began practice at Vincennes in 1908, first occupying offices with J. M. Glenn, but since March, 1910, has established himself in the new La Plante building. At the present time he holds the office of prosecuting



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attorney of Knox county, discharging his duties with a fidelity that has met the commendation of the courts and the people.

In 1908 Mr. McCormick was united in marriage to Miss Edythe Pinkstaff, who was born at Pinkstaff, Illinois, in 1887. The town was named in honor of her grandfather. The father, Charles H. Pinkstaff, was also born in Pinkstaff, about 1852, and devoted his attention to farming. The mother, who was before her marriage Victoria Highsmith, was a native of Illinois and is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick are the parents of one son, Charles Donald, who was born August 29, 1909.

Mr. McCormick has been actively identified with the democratic party ever since he arrived at manhood's estate and is an avowed champion of its principles. He is a member of the Masonic order and also of the Modern Woodmen of America and is in strong sympathy with the teachings of brotherhood upon which those orders are founded. He is a believer in the authority of the Bible and holds membership in the Methodist church. From the beginning of his professional career Mr. McCormick has evinced an ability of a high order, showing a grasp of law and a capacity for generalization which are strong points in determining success in the arduous vocation of the law. He is an earnest and eloquent public speaker, a good pleader, and has the ambition and grit so necessary in overcoming the difficulties which lie in the way of every young attorney. That he will attain a high mark in his profession is the opinion of all who know him.

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#### WILLIAM H. HILL.

Although engaged in the practice of law only since 1902, William H. Hill is one of the prominent members of the Knox county bar and gives promise of attaining a state-wide reputation as the years pass. This prophecy is based upon the reputation which he has established for possessing sound judgment, a clear head and well developed reasoning powers. He is a man of impeachable character and is steadfast in adhering to what he believes to be right. He is an earnest and consistent supporter of the temperance cause and is known as one of the most persistent and eloquent advocates of prohibition to be found in all this region. Having been convinced years ago of the evils of the saloon, he became one of its most determined opponents, and his influence and voice may always be depended upon to advance the cause of prohibition.

Mr. Hill is a native of Bruceville, this county, born March 24, 1876. His father, Charles M. Hill, was also born in Bruceville as was his mother, whose father emigrated from Virginia and settled near Bruceville in 1812. A number of the Hill family came about the same time and many of the descendants are living in Knox and adjoining counties. The pioneers brought with

them two sturdy characteristics that are inseparable from the name wherever we find it—love of liberty and hospitality, which are prominent traits of the family today. Charles M. Hill was one of a family of eight children, all born in Knox county. He was educated in the public schools of the early period and fought for the Union as a private in the One Hundred and Eighteenth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. Since 1876 he has been engaged in the mercantile business at Bruceville. The mother of our subject is Emma (Moore) Hill, a member of the well known Hollingsworth family on her mother's side. She was the mother of ten children, eight of whom are now living.

William H. Hill was the eldest of the ten children and at an early age came into close contact with responsibilities that assisted in the development of a spirit of helpfulness which has been one of the sources of his strength. He attended the public schools and later was a student at the State University, graduating from the law department of that institution with the degree of LL. B. in 1901. In January, 1902, he began practice at Vincennes, where he has since continued. A lifelong student of the temperance question, he was prominently identified with the work while at the university where he was regarded as the leader in temperance affairs and his interest has never abated. By close attention to his profession he has built up a practice which yields a substantial income, his clients being among the best people of the county. Never hasty in his judgment, he has gained a reputation as being practical in his advice and free from undue prejudice in weighing the possibilities in any case. In the courtroom he conveys the impression of alertness and his force of character assists in no small degree in holding the attention of the jury and influencing the decision. No man at the bar gains a more close hearing and it goes without saying that he is well informed in the law and an interesting and forcible speaker on every subject that claims his interest.

In March, 1900, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Roberts, a daughter of Noah S. and Sarah Roberts and a native of Bruceville. Her father was a merchant and farmer and one of the most prominent men in the community. One son, Roberts, born June 6, 1903, brightens the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hill.

Aside from his active advocacy of prohibition, he has adhered with unabated persistence to the law which is indeed a "jealous mistress" and admits no rival. He has been retained as counselor by a number of business concerns and has in a high degree the respect of the business men of the community. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and for many years has been actively identified with the Christian church, being at the present time an elder. A fair-minded man who has earned the high place he occupies in the esteem of the people of Vincennes, he may be regarded as a steadily growing factor whose influence will ever be for good in Knox county and the surrounding region. As a prohibitionist he has taken an

active part in politics, being a candidate for congress in 1906; candidate for secretary of state in 1908; candidate for appellate judge in 1910; and a member of the platform committee at the state convention in 1908 and 1910, being chairman of the committee the latter year.

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### RICHARD M. FREEMAN.

Richard M. Freeman, who is known as the father of the coal industry in Knox county, has long been numbered among Bicknell's foremost and leading citizens. His birth occurred in Burslem, England, on the 20th of April, 1842. His paternal grandfather, who worked as a miner in England, passed away in that country in 1850. In that year the father of our subject, who was also a miner, crossed the Atlantic to the United States and the following year his wife and four children joined him in this country. Mrs. Freeman, likewise a native of the Merrie Isle, was called to her final rest in 1889. Her children were seven in number, as follows: Edward, who died in Bicknell, Indiana, two years ago; one who died in infancy; Richard M., of this review; Job, now a great coal magnate of Linton, Indiana, who at one time served as auditor of Knox county; Martha, who gave her hand in marriage to John Wilson, now a retired resident of Bicknell; Jethro, living in Cokeburg, Pennsylvania, who is master mechanic of a chain of mines; and Joseph, whose demise occurred in Bicknell. The last named was a druggist by profession and the originator of the Field trial dog sport, which gained for him a national reputation, but died after he passed away.

Richard M. Freeman located at Youngstown, Ohio, with his father and when nineteen years of age enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of the Seventh Ohio Regiment. He remained with that command for three years and was often in the thickest of the fight, participating in the battles of Gettysburg, Cedar Mountain, where he was wounded, Look-out Mountain, Mission Ridge and Resaca, Georgia. After the close of hostilities he returned to Ohio and was married. In the year 1870 he took up his abode in Washington, Indiana, working in the coal mines there until 1877, when he removed to Edwardsport, Knox county, where he also worked in the coal mines until 1882. In that year he came to Bicknell in Knox county, and acted as superintendent at the Indian Creek mine for many years. He also bears the distinction of having shoveled the first dirt in the Bicknell and Freeman mine. In 1910 he sold the Bicknell mines to his son, but still holds the Freeman mine, owning about a fifth interest in the same. He also has a mine at Jasonville, Indiana, and located the No. 5 vein of coal. He owns a number of residences in Bicknell and also a great deal of coal underlying the land around the town. In various ways he has promoted the growth and development of Bicknell and his exten-

sive mining interests have gained him recognition as one of Knox county's leading coal magnates.

In 1865 Mr. Freeman was united in marriage to Miss Angelina Wise, by whom he has six children: Frank J., a resident of Jasonville, Greene county, Indiana, operates their mine at that place. Charles E. is the manager of the Freeman & Bicknell Coal Company at Bicknell, Indiana. Susie B. is the wife of Edgar Phillipe, of the firm of Lemon & Company, at Bicknell. Pearl V. gave her hand in marriage to H. C. Chancellor of Minden, Missouri, who is now engaged in the real estate and fire insurance business. He was formerly editor of the Knox County Democrat, and also founded the Bicknell Beacon, the first paper in Bicknell. Two years ago he served in the legislature of Missouri. Roy H., who acts as book-keeper for the California Vegetable Union, makes his home in Los Angeles, California. Lewis G. is studying dentistry in Chicago, Illinois.

Politically Mr. Freeman is a stalwart advocate of the republican party, supporting its men and measures by his ballot. He was initiated into the Masonic fraternity on the night that Garfield was elected president, and now belongs to the lodge and chapter at Bicknell, acting as trustee in both organizations. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church, of which he served as steward for thirty-three years. He early recognized the fact that the superstructure of success must be built upon the solid foundations of indefatigable energy and irreproachable probity, and as the architect of his own fortunes, he has builded wisely and well. Depending upon no outside aid or circumstance, he has exerted his powers to the utmost and seems to have accomplished at any one point of his career the possibilities for successful accomplishment at that stage.

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### WILLIAM A. HUNT.

William A. Hunt, editor of the Oaktown Record, was born in Martinsville, Indiana, August 5, 1853, the only child of Nathan A. and Mary A. (Coble) Hunt. The parents were natives of North Carolina and were of English and German extraction, respectively. In 1854 the family removed to Mooresville, Indiana, where, with the exception of two years spent in Danville, Indiana, William A. Hunt resided until 1888. At the age of fourteen years he was thrown upon his own resources and his schooling, limited to about eight months in the aggregate, was procured after that time. In 1865 he entered the confectionery store owned by his grandfather at Mooresville, there remaining until 1874. In the meantime his grandfather died and Mr. Hunt then embarked in business on his own account. For two years, although his capital was extremely limited, he managed not only to support himself, but also his mother and grandmother, both of whom were invalids. In 1877 he entered the office of the Moores-

ville Herald as a printer's "devil" and continued there for three years, learning the printer's trade. In 1880 he secured the position of a compositor on the Mooresville Monitor, but in 1881, upon the retirement of A. W. Macy, Mr. Hunt was appointed editor by the directors, filling the position with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the patrons of the paper. The Monitor was owned by a joint stock company and soon Mr. Hunt found himself holding a controlling interest, for whenever opportunity offered he invested in the stock. In three years from the time he took charge of the paper he was sole proprietor and had made substantial progress on the high road to fortune.

Moreover, Mr. Hunt was prominently connected with the interests of Mooresville in many other ways. He became a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church there, was chosen reporter of the local lodge of Knights of Honor, was elected president of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and for five years was secretary of the Old Settlers' Association of the district comprising the counties of Morgan, Hendricks, Johnson and Monroe. The association held its fortieth annual meeting at Mooresville, August 9, 1910. Mr. Hunt as a stalwart republican in politics and a trusted and active worker of his party, wielded a great influence in its behalf through the columns of his paper. In 1884 he was elected city clerk of Mooresville, but after serving for one year declined a second term.

On the 9th of January, 1877, Mr. Hunt was married in Mooresville to Miss Mary E. Dickerson, and unto them were born three children: Margaret A., Dwite A. and William A. In November, 1887, his wife died, the children being at that time but nine, seven and two years of age, respectively. This bereavement made desolate that which had hitherto been a happy home. His impulse was to fly from the scenes of former happiness, from the surroundings and familiar objects which, in reminding him of past joys, only intensified present pain; and with his motherless little ones, he fled to "the land of Egypt," otherwise known as southern Illinois. There he was welcomed by warm hearts and kind friends and succeeded—not, however, without labor and hardship—in rearing his children to manhood and womanhood. The elder son, Dwite A., is a first-class and artistic job printer, now acting as foreman of the job department of the Lawrence county (Illinois) News. The younger son, William A., remained with his father and is now a thoroughly competent, all-around printer and newspaper man who, at this writing is associated with his father in publishing the Oaktown Record, which plant they own under the firm name of W. A. Hunt & Son. The daughter, Margaret A., is married to a prominent contractor and builder of El Paso, Texas.

For nearly fourteen years Mr. Hunt was editor and proprietor of the Local Reporter of Bridgeport, Illinois, and did some of his best editorial work in that field. In 1897, in company with W. A. Hunt, Jr., he took a trip to Texas and New Mexico, finally returning to Indiana, where they

first leased and then purchased the Oaktown Record. The father is yet a vigorous writer, knows the country newspaper business from ink roller to cylinder press and, with the efficient aid of his son, is making the Record a power in journalism in this part of the state.

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### WILLIAM ALEXANDER POLK.

Among the men long established in business in Knox county the name of William A. Polk occupies a very high place. As a financier he has also been eminently successful and at the present time, although he is seventy-seven years of age, he is at the head of a bank and in active charge of its affairs. Mr. Polk was born in Widner township, Knox county, May 16, 1833, and is a son of James and Harriet (Shepard) Polk. He belongs to the same family as James Polk, the eleventh president of the United States, and William Polk, who was a delegate to the first constitutional convention of Indiana. A record of the family, in possession of a sister of our subject, extends back to the year 1100 A. D.—soon after the landing of William the Conqueror in England. The American branch of the family centered in North Carolina before the Revolutionary war and later became pioneers of the south and west, the name now being known in all the states of the Union and its members occupying prominent places in business and professional circles.

Charles Polk, the great-grandfather of our subject, was with George Washington at the time of Braddock's defeat and later became a settler of Kentucky. He died in 1827 in Knox county and was buried near Oaktown. One of the thrilling stories of pioneer history is the story of the capture of Charles Polk's wife by the Indians. She was carried through the wilderness to Detroit and there gave birth to a son; Charles Polk, Jr., the grandfather of our subject. The mother escaped with her son and returned to Kentucky and there he grew to manhood and was married to Margaret McQuade. He was a teamster at the battle of Tippecanoe. He emigrated to Knox county very early in the nineteenth century and was one of the first settlers of this county. Here his son James married Harriet Shepard and there were seven children born to them, the subject of this review being second in order of birth. The other members of the family were: Louise, who married Captain Henry Gilham, a Mexican war veteran and also captain in the One Hundred and Twentieth Indiana Volunteers at the time of the Civil war; Edmund, living at Bicknell; Charles, of Winterset, Iowa; Mary, deceased; Horace; and Helen, the widow of Edmund Clarke, of Vincennes.

Educated in the public schools of the pioneer period, William A. Polk began his battle with the world as a school teacher and agent for the McCor-

mick Harvester Works. He taught school in the winter for seven years and in summer devoted his attention to the sale of harvesting machines, becoming highly expert as a salesman. He made his first extensive trip from home at eighteen years of age. Going aboard a flatboat at Edwardsport, he floated with his companions down the White river to the Wabash, thence to the Ohio, on the Ohio to the Mississippi and on the broad waters of this great river to the point of destination, which was the city of New Orleans. He was absent from home about six weeks and the incidents and scenes of this journey made a lasting impression upon his mind and gave him many new ideas as to human nature and the magnitude of this great country. After having accumulated a small capital he went to Madison county, Iowa, and located one hundred and sixty acres of land, which cost him \$1.25 per acre. He lived for three months in that county and then disposed of his property to a brother, who still lives there. Returning to Oaktown, Indiana, he entered the employ of G. & A. Bond, working for the firm in the winter and selling harvesting machines in the summer. In 1865, being then thirty-two years of age, Mr. Polk became a partner in the general mercantile business as a member of the firm of Bond & Polk. In 1869 he entered the hardware business, having for his partner, R. S. Walker and the name of the firm being Polk & Walker, but in 1887 he purchased his partner's interest and the firm became W. A. Polk & Son, the junior member being Eugene E. Polk. In 1902 Mr. Polk entered the private banking business at Oaktown with a capital stock of twelve thousand dollars and conducted the bank with such success that in 1908 it became a state bank with a capital stock of forty thousand dollars and he has since been president of that institution. He is also extensively identified with other interests and is the owner of three hundred acres of land in Busseron township and a stockholder in the First National and German National Banks of Vincennes, the Citizens Trust Company of the same city and the Continental National Bank of Indianapolis. He is the owner of valuable property in Oaktown and, having been blessed with a good business judgment, has been almost uniformly successful in the large number of enterprises with which he has been connected.

In 1858 Mr. Polk was united in marriage to Mary C. Harper, a daughter of Jesse Harper, a noted pioneer of Kentucky. Five children were born to the union, of whom two are now living: Eugene E., who is married and is the father of one child; and Katie, at home. The wife and mother having departed this life in 1876, William A. Polk was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Martha Ann Parker. Three children blessed this union, one of whom is now living, Chauncey J.

Throughout a long life of business activity Mr. Polk has uniformly been governed by principles of the strictest integrity and his success in an important degree has been due to the character he early acquired as a man of unimpeachable honesty. Beginning on a small scale, he gradually amassed a fortune and he never sought to advance his own interests through



the infliction of injury upon others. It may truly be said that he has been faithful to every trust reposed in him and his sincere and unfeigned cordiality has won the friendship of all with whom he has been brought into contact.

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### CHARLES W. SMITH.

Charles W. Smith, pleasantly located upon a good farm in donation 22, Palmyra township, is one of the native sons of Knox county, his birth having occurred December 19, 1842, in the township which is still his home. His father, Charles Smith, who was born in England in July, 1805, spent his youthful days in that country and when a young man came to the United States, settling in Knox county, Indiana, where he took up the occupation of farming. He had previously learned and followed the blacksmith's trade and also worked at it for a short time in this county but devoted the greater part of his life to agricultural pursuits. In that work he was successful and, adding to his land as opportunity offered, became in time the owner of four hundred acres which he continued to till until his life's labors were ended in death. He brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and the farm became one of the valuable properties of the community. He married Susanna Mize, who was born in Indiana and was of Scotch-Irish extraction. They held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and in that faith reared their family, which numbered thirteen children, although only two are now living.

Charles W. Smith, who was the fifth in order of birth, was sent as a pupil to the district schools near his father's home when but six years of age, and therein continued his studies until he had largely mastered the branches of learning that constitute the country school curriculum. At the age of twenty-two years he enlisted in the Federal army, for the country was then engaged in civil war. At Vincennes he was enrolled as a member of Company I, Forty-fourth Regiment of Indiana Infantry, and went to the front where he was on active duty until honorably discharged at Chattanooga, Tennessee, after which he was mustered out at Nashville in August, 1865. He had participated in a number of hotly contested engagements and never faltered in the performance of any military duty, whether called to the firing line or stationed upon the lonely picket line.

When the war was over and the country no longer needed his aid Mr. Smith returned to his home in Knox county and there engaged in farming with his father until 1868, when he started out in the business world on his own account. His father compensated his services in former years by a gift of one hundred and forty acres of good land situated in donations 91 and 92. Upon that farm he has since resided, and it bears evidence of the care and labor which he has bestowed upon it. He has



worked industriously and energetically, and the place reflects his careful management and practical methods. In 1905, however, he retired from active business life, although he still maintains his residence upon the farm and his ownership therein. To the original gift from his father he added as his financial resources increased until his place today comprises two hundred and ninety-two acres of rich and valuable land.

On February 13, 1868, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Boyd, a native of Knox county. They became the parents of eight children of whom five are still living, namely: Mary, who married J. B. Johnson and has two children; Martha A., the wife of J. D. Myer, by whom she has three children; Arthur, who is also married and has four children; Jennie, the wife of George King and the mother of one child; and Nellie, who married Rollie Roberson.

Mr. Smith is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has guided his life by its teachings. He has held many township offices and in the discharge of his duties has proven his loyalty to the general welfare. Interested in everything that pertains to the progress of the community, he gives loyal support to all those projects which are working for the public good and is classed with the valued and public-spirited citizens of Palmyra township. His friends are many, and the fact that his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time is an indication that his life has ever been honorable and upright.

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### MRS. CATHERINE BELL ROOT.

Mrs. Catherine Bell Root owns and occupies a good farm in donation 79, Palmyra township. She has always lived in Knox county, her birth having occurred in Steen township on the 17th of September, 1859. She is a daughter of Richard and Frances (Stevenson) Robinson and a sister of Dr. J. L. Robinson, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. In the days when Knox county was considered upon the western frontier, when the work of progress and development had scarcely been begun here, her grandparents came to this part of the state. Her father, Richard Robinson, was born in Knox county on the 15th of October, 1824, and he was a lifelong resident of the county, his death occurring within its borders on the 13th of February, 1888. He was reared to the occupation of farming and made it his life work. His education was acquired in the subscription schools and with only that early training for business he entered upon the arduous task of developing the fields and making his farm productive and valuable. He married Frances Stevenson, a daughter of John and Sarah Stevenson, who were natives of county Tyrone, Ireland. Having come to America when a young man, Mr. Stevenson here followed

farming and met with notable success, his judicious investments in property making him at length the owner of fourteen hundred acres.

Catherine Bell Robinson spent her girlhood in her parents' home, where she was trained to the duties of the household, while in the public schools she acquired her education. On the 8th of September, 1886, she gave her hand in marriage to Lester S. Root, a native of Palmyra township, born on the 13th of March, 1860. He acquired his early education in the district schools of Knox county and later spent two years at Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana. He remained with his parents until 1886 and then began farming on his own account on a tract of seventy acres given him by his father. His labors were attended with substantial success, and as good crops brought him a substantial financial return, he made further purchase of property until he became the owner of two hundred and forty-nine acres, of which he retained possession to the time of his death, in 1904. He also owned and operated a grain elevator at Wheatland for several years, but abandoned this in order to return to farming, to which he devoted his attention exclusively during his later years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Root were born six children: Hazel, Richard, Waldo, Ruth, Francis and Lester S., all residing at home. The children are all yet living, but the family circle was broken by the hand of death when, on the 3d of March, 1904, the husband and father passed away. He was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and was identified with the Tribe of Ben Hur and the Court of Honor. He affiliated with the republican party, believing its principles were most conducive to good government. All who knew him recognized him as a man of high integrity whose word was as good as his bond. He represented a prominent pioneer family of the county and his record never cast a shadow upon the untarnished name. His genuine worth was widely recognized by all who knew him, and when he passed away many friends as well as his immediate family mourned his death.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY HALL.

Although scarcely past middle life William H. Hall, of Busseron township, Knox county, has gained a competence in agricultural pursuits and is now living retired in the enjoyment of comfort and ease, having early in life laid the foundations of his fortune. He is the owner of a well improved farm of three hundred and seventy acres, which under his management has been brought to a high degree of cultivation and yields an income that makes him practically independent for the remainder of his life. Born in the township where he now lives, February 8, 1855, he is the son of Lance Woodward Hall, who was one of the early settlers of Knox county. He be-

came closely identified with farming interests and departed this life in 1861.

The subject of this review was educated in the public schools of Vincennes and at eighteen years of age was married to Mary Jane Lunday, a native of Kentucky. By thrift and perseverance he accumulated sufficient capital to purchase a farm of fifty acres and he has managed so well that he is now the owner of the beautiful place comprising three hundred and seventy acres. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hall, all of whom are deceased, and the mother passed from mortal view in 1879. Mr. Hall chose as a second wife Martha Lunday, who died in 1881, and on August 5, 1881, he was married to Josephine Spencer and ten children were born of this union: Columbus E., deceased; Matilda, now Mrs. Arthur Gardner; James Alfred; Nettie Ann, deceased; William, who married Bertha B. Hall; and Clinton P., Lilly, Nellie, Robert and Paul, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Hall gives his adherence to the democratic party and is an active member of the Christian church. In his early manhood he lost no time in making a start toward business success and after he was once on the road he worked hard and made use of a discrimination which assisted him very materially in his operations. He has contributed his part toward the development of the farming interests of Knox county. No citizen of the county takes greater pride in the progress that has been witnessed during the last three or four decades and no man is more willing to assist a deserving individual or a worthy cause than the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

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### HARRY JONES VALENTINE.

Harry Jones Valentine, though still young in years, has already won an enviable reputation in the legal profession and now enjoys a lucrative practice at Bicknell. His birth occurred in Rosedale, Indiana, on the 20th of March, 1888, his parents being Isaac H. and Mary A. (Jones) Valentine. He is of Welsh extraction in both the paternal and maternal lines. Isaac H. Valentine was born in Pennsylvania and removed to Ohio about 1880, spending seven years in the Buckeye state. On the expiration of that period he came west to Indiana and at the present time resides in Bicknell. He has been a bank boss since twenty-two years of age and during the past three years has acted as mine foreman for the Tecumseh Mine Company. It was while a resident of Ohio that he wedded Miss Mary A. Jones, a native of that state. Their union was blessed with nine children, namely: Ella, who is deceased; Anna, at home; Queen, the wife of Clifford Connerly, of Clinton, Indiana; Harry Jones, of this review; Joseph; Lettie; Ronald; Hershall; and John, who died in infancy.

Harry Jones Valentine obtained his early education in the schools of Rosedale and Jasonville, Indiana, and then devoted a year to the study of law in

the law school at Danville, this state. In 1909 he was admitted to practice in Hendricks county and the following year applied for admission to the bar in Knox county. Being successful, he immediately began the practice of his profession in Bicknell and has already won an enviable clientage here. In no profession is there a career more open to talent than in that of the law, and in no field of endeavor is there demanded a more careful preparation, a more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life, or of the underlying principles which form the basis of all human rights and privileges. Unflagging application, intuitive wisdom and a determination to fully utilize the means at hand, are the concomitants which insure personal success and prestige in this great profession, which stands as the stern conservator of justice; and it is one into which none should enter without a recognition of the obstacles to be overcome and the battles to be won, for success does not perch on the falchion of every person who enters the competitive fray, but comes only as the diametrical result of capacity and unmistakable ability. Possessing all the requisite qualities of the able lawyer, Mr. Valentine has already won a creditable place in the ranks of the profession. He is now serving as city attorney.

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#### FREDERICK E. VOLLMER.

Johnson township, Knox county, contains many well cultivated farms, among which is that of Frederick E. Vollmer, who was born in this county, August 24, 1859, and now owns three hundred and twenty-four acres of as good land as is probably to be found in the state of Indiana. He is a son of Fred and Johanna (Baker) Vollmer, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father emigrated to America and located in Knox county, where he became the owner of a farm of two hundred and sixteen acres. At the time of the Civil war he was drafted into the army, but was discharged on account of being physically unable to perform the duties of a soldier. He died at the age of seventy-two years. Seven children grew to maturity in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Vollmer: William, Frederick E., Louis H., Henry, Ernest, Edward and Anna.

Frederick E. Vollmer received his education in the district schools of Knox county and from his earliest recollection has been closely connected with its agricultural and stock-raising interests. He has for a number of years engaged also in stock buying and has attained an enviable degree of success, now owning a beautiful place of three hundred and twenty-four acres, which he has greatly improved and which is supplied with all modern conveniences. Here he has built three houses and two large barns. He is an extensive raiser of corn, wheat and oats.

On the 26th of November, 1886, Mr. Vollmer was united in marriage, in Johnson township, to Miss Elizabeth Meyer, who has proven to him a lov-

ing and helpful companion. Eight children have blessed their union: Frank, Clarence, Nora, Emma, Julia, Gilbert, Lawrence and Elmer. Frank was called away when he was four days old.

Mr. Vollmer is an earnest adherent of the democratic party and has served as township trustee. He is a member of the German Evangelical church. He is a man of strong force of character and also possesses good business discernment and the ability to take advantage of opportunities that many fail to perceive. He has achieved success as a farmer and is a valued citizen of a county which is noted for the intelligence and progressiveness of its people.

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### CHARLES A. WEISERT.

In the field of finance are to be found many of the most promising minds of America. While it is one of the most attractive avocations for an ambitious man, it entails heavy responsibilities which only men of a high order of intellect, of keen discernment and sound judgment, can hope successfully to assume. Here, in the eager pursuit of wealth one meets with a competition so sharp that only comparatively a few survive the ordeal and attain a secure position where the occupant is regarded with respect and confidence by an entire community. Charles A. Weisert, secretary and manager of the Citizens Trust Company of Vincennes, is one of the fortunate men of the financial world who has demonstrated his fitness for the responsibility he fills. For twenty years he has been actively connected with public or private financial affairs, and in every position he has occupied he proved his ability and faithfulness in an eminent degree. Having been endowed with special qualifications which have been developed in the school of experience, he has in many instances easily accomplished what to others may have been impossible.

Mr. Weisert first saw the light of day at Vincennes, January 7, 1860. His father, Charles A. Weisert, was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. Seeking to improve his fortune he emigrated to Philadelphia and later came to Vincennes. The California gold excitement of 1849 caused a great awakening in Indiana and states along the Ohio valley, and Mr. Weisert made the long and painful journey to the pacific coast in search of the yellow metal. He was one of the "Argonauts" but, like many of his companions, arrived at the conclusion that everyday business presented more attractions than seeking the elusive metal in the placers of the Sierras. He then returned to Vincennes, where he engaged with success in the wholesale grocery and packing business. He departed this life in 1880. The mother of our subject was Eleanor Bayard, a sister of J. L. Bayard, president of the First National Bank of Vincennes. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Weisert, seven of whom are now living.

Charles A. Weisert possessed the inestimable advantages of a happy home and parents who were devoted to the welfare of their children. He attended the parochial school and Vincennes University and later was a student for two years at the St. Louis University from which he was graduated in 1878. Returning to Vincennes he assisted his father in the packing business for two years. Being an expert accountant and bookkeeper, he became ambitious of a more congenial field and for nine months filled the position of rodman for the United States geological survey. In November, 1891, he was appointed deputy county auditor of Knox county and acceptably occupied the office for five years. The county democratic central committee desiring his services during the campaign of 1896, he assisted at the headquarters and in December of the same year was appointed deputy county treasurer under W. H. Vollmer, continuing in that position for four years, at the end of which time he became county treasurer and held the office two terms, from 1900 to 1904. Having by years of experience become thoroughly acquainted with all the details of the position, he proved one of the most popular and efficient county treasurers that Knox county has known. The Citizens Trust Company was organized in 1902 and upon retiring from public office Mr. Weisert accepted the position of manager and secretary of the company, which he has since filled. Under his charge the deposits of the company have been steadily increasing and the institution has become recognized as a substantial and permanent instrumentality in the prosperity of Vincennes and the surrounding country.

Mr. Weisert was married October 17, 1893, to Miss Julia I. O'Daniel of Kentucky, and to them has been born one son, Maurice E. Mr. Weisert has always taken an active interest in the success of the democratic party and is a leader in its counsels in Knox county. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a trustee of the Vincennes Lodge of Elks. Popular with friends, associates and the public generally and having good business discrimination and a rare judgment as to the possibilities of investments, he is regarded as one of the best informed men in his specialty to be found in southwestern Indiana. He has in an important sense been successful and is a living example of the result of a life of integrity and consistent adherence, in public and private affairs, to principles of the highest good.

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#### G. B. FLEMING.

G. B. Fleming, an energetic, enterprising and prosperous young resident of Bicknell, has for the past four years been prominently identified with the business interests of the town as manager of the Greer-Wilkinson Lumber Company. His birth occurred near Bruceville, Knox county, Indiana, on the 27th of March, 1878, his parents being G. W. and Susan E. (Brenlinger) Fleming. The father, a native of Wythe county, Virginia,

removed to Mississippi in early life and when a youth of seventeen came to Knox county, Indiana. Becoming identified with general agricultural pursuits, he was actively engaged in the work of the fields for a number of years but is now living retired. He enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the community, having won the warm regard and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. His wife, a native of this county, spent her entire life within its borders. Her demise, which occurred on the 26th of March, 1907, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. By her marriage she had become the mother of four children, namely: H. E., a banker of Nickerson, Kansas; D. R., a resident of Fillmore, California, who is foreman of a railroad construction gang; Jennie, the wife, of C. O. Cox, who is engaged in farming near Bicknell; and G. B., of this review.

The last named obtained his education in the common schools in and near Bruceville and after putting aside his text-books followed the profession of teaching for three years. On the 21st of April, 1898, he enlisted for two years' service in the Spanish-American war but was discharged on the 27th of November of the same year because of the cessation of hostilities. He saw active service at Alger and Camp Mead. After returning home he spent two years in travel, journeying from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast and also-visiting Canada and Mexico. On once more coming back to Knox county he became identified with industrial interests as a carpenter, working at that trade for six years. During the last three years of that time he was also engaged in business as a contractor, erecting the first three-story building in Bicknell—the Masonic block. For the past four years he has been manager of the Greer-Wilkinson Lumber Company of Bicknell and his excellent executive ability has been a potent factor in the continued growth and success of the enterprise. He owns five houses and lots in Bicknell and also has considerable stock in the Building and Loan Association of that town. His property holdings indicate the financial success which has rewarded his efforts and he now enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the substantial and representative citizens and business men of his native county.

On the 9th of March, 1904, Mr. Fleming was united in marriage to Miss Elva Z. Craig, a daughter of A. D. Craig, then a resident of Bicknell and editor of the News-Herald. Unto our subject and his wife was born one child, Mary Elizabeth, whose natal day was August 13, 1909. The mother was called to her final rest on the 21st of October, 1909, passing away in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Politically Mr. Fleming is a stalwart advocate of the democracy and quite an active worker in the local ranks of the party. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity at Elnora, Indiana, at which place he became a Master Mason. On coming to Bicknell he planned to transfer his membership to the lodge here, but his wife died in the meantime and, as she had been identified with the Eastern Star at Elnora, he decided to al-

ways remain connected with the fraternity there in loving remembrance of her. He served as senior deacon for a number of years and has held almost every office in the blue lodge except that of master. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Vincennes, Indiana, and to the United Spanish War Veterans. He has gained many friends throughout the community and has won for himself favorable regard in business circles in recognition of his enterprise, his alert and energetic spirit and his successful accomplishment.

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### WILLIAM B. PURCELL.

Knox county has produced many sons who have attained honorable positions not only in the state of Indiana but in far distant portions of the country among strangers and in competition with the keenest minds. Many of them have exhibited the same spirit of independence and self-reliance that characterized their fathers—a spirit which carries with it an earnestness and force which seldom fail their possessor in times of emergency. Among the sons of Knox county who have fairly won not only an honorable reputation but success in the course of a long and active business career is William B. Purcell.

He was born October 27, 1846, a son of William and Sophia (Beckes) Purcell. His father was also a native of Knox county and a member of a family of pioneers. He was born in 1811 and died in 1850, having spent his life upon a farm. The mother was born in Knox county in 1817 and survived her husband fifty-two years. She was a typical daughter of a pioneer, a woman of good judgment and unusual strength of character and a mother who thought no sacrifice too great if it enhanced the happiness or permanent prosperity of the other members of her family. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Purcell: John, who died in 1860; Hannah, now Mrs. John Beckes; William B., the subject of this review; and Royal E., of Vincennes. The mother was married a second time and by that union had one daughter, Anna, who is now the wife of Robert McCord, of Indianapolis.

William B. Purcell was educated in the common schools of Knox county and grew up upon the home farm, assisting in its work and later teaching school. He was successful as a farmer and also as a teacher. In 1886 he accepted the position of business manager of the Vincennes Sun and soon demonstrated his ability in a field where mediocrity can have little hope for success. For twenty years he was in charge of the business department of the paper, daily and weekly, and infused into it a life and energy, which made the Sun a leading newspaper whose merits received recognition over a wide region in the states of Indiana and Illinois. In 1907 he retired from the newspaper field and has since engaged in the general real-estate business, having offices in the Hellert building. He has always been interested in





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farming and as an agriculturist has been highly successful. Theoretically and practically he is known as one of the best farmers in Knox county.

In 1874 Mr. Purcell was united in marriage to Miss Mary D. McCord, who was born in Knox County, September 23, 1852, and was called to rest in 1894 after an estimable and useful life. She was a daughter of Robert and Martha (McClure) McCord, the former of whom came from North Carolina to Knox county about 1820. Mr. and Mrs. Purcell became the parents of six children, four of whom are living: Mabel, now Mrs. A. Brandon Clarke of Vincennes; Martha Robertine, now Mrs. William H. De Bolt, also of Vincennes; Della Eloise, now Mrs. Richard T. F. Harding, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Mary Ellis, who is living at home and is a teacher of English in Vincennes University.

Politically Mr. Purcell is a democrat and religiously is a member of the Presbyterian church. As he approaches the evening of an active career he possesses the confidence and respect of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances and has been a witness of many great changes of which he himself has been an important factor. Starting in life largely upon his own resources and early learning the value of self-reliance, he is essentially the type of a self-made man. By patient industry, straightforward dealing, careful investment and constant persistence even in the face of discouragement, he has built up a comfortable estate and is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of Knox county, the main object of whose life has not been personal aggrandizement but rather that advancement which carries with it the happiness and prosperity of the entire community.

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#### G. W. DONALDSON.

Among the prominent business men of Vincennes none stands higher than the one whose name is at the head of this review. Nor have his abilities been restricted, as is often the case with men of large affairs, to any one field. As a banker and a farmer he has in each instance attained a distinct success and in the field of theoretical finance he has for years ranked in the estimation of his friends as the equal of many who have a reputation almost as wide as the nation. He has given a great deal of attention to the study and his views always command attention, compelling respect even from those who may not agree with his solution of one of the fundamental problems of government. In this as in all other vital questions in which he is interested Mr. Donaldson goes to no extremes, as his long business experience has taught the value of conservatism and of broad comprehension on all intricate subjects.

Mr. Donaldson is a native of the county where he now resides, born at Wheatland, February 11, 1856, and is the son of F. W. and Jinsey Ann (Goodman) Donaldson. The father was born at Bedford, Indiana, and on

coming to Knox county in 1840 settled near Wheatland. He lived upon the farm until 1876, when he was called away at the age of forty-nine years. Many of his sturdy characteristics have been inherited by his son. The mother of our subject was a native of this county. In the family were four children: William, Mary, Amanda and G. W.

Reared on his father's farm and educated in the district school, G. W. Donaldson grew up a bright country boy with a laudable ambition to make the best of life and attain an honorable name in the world. At the age of sixteen he began teaching school and for twelve years he taught during the winter months and worked on the farm or attended school during the remainder of the year. In the meantime he was on the lookout for a wider field for his energies and the latent unrest began to be manifest. At the age of twenty-eight years he took charge of a store at Bicknell, which he conducted successfully for four years until the fall of 1888. Having become acquainted with the leading politicians in various parts of the county, his name was presented as county treasurer and he was elected to that office upon the democratic ticket. His administration gave general satisfaction and he was reelected in 1890, serving four years with great acceptance to his party and large credit to himself. He now found himself in a field which was to his liking and which gave opportunity for his talents. In 1893 he organized the Second National Bank of Vincennes, of which he served first as cashier and later as president. The bank became one of the leading financial institutions of the county but on account of ill health, brought on by over-application, Mr. Donaldson in 1906 retired from active work in connection with the bank, since serving as a member of the board of directors and a stockholder. He also organized the Citizens Bank of Bicknell, associating in this venture with his brother and R. M. Robinson, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. This bank soon built up a good patronage and is now one of the flourishing banks of the county.

Other fields invited and in May, 1901, Mr. Donaldson in connection with R. M. Robinson bought out the McJimsey Buggy Company, the agency for automobiles having also since been added. The name of the company was changed to the Robinson & Donaldson Buggy Company and under able management has grown to be a very extensive enterprise and one of the largest vehicle concerns of Vincennes. Mr. Donaldson is the owner of a highly improved farm of five hundred acres three miles from Bicknell, where modern methods and the most improved appliances have effected most gratifying results. His attention has for some time been divided between the farm and the vehicle concern, both of which are very creditable monuments to his business sagacity, sound judgment and energetic administration.

Although he still takes an active interest in political affairs, it has principally in recent years been in behalf of his friends and not through any desire for personal advancement. As his friends say, he is one of the men of

Knox county who has "made good" and the remainder of the voyage upon which he started as a farmer boy appears to be easy sailing.

Mr. Donaldson was united in marriage in October, 1878, to Miss Sarah A. Gilmore of Knox county. Four children have been born to them: Myrtle H., now Mrs. R. N. Foulk; Bess, now Mrs. Dr. Blair of Lynn, Indiana; Madie and George, living at home.

Mr. Donaldson's social proclivities have found an agreeable field in the Masonic order, being a member of the Bicknell blue lodge; Vincennes Chapter No. 7, R. A. M.; Council No. 9, R. & S. M., and Commandery No. 20, K. T., of Vincennes; and of the Scottish Rite Consistory at Indianapolis. He has taken great interest in an order which embraces in its membership the leading men of America and Europe and for three years served as eminent commander of the Vincennes commandery, the highest office in the gift of that body. The benevolent principles of Masonry have always made a strong appeal to a man of humane tendencies and all his work has felt the kindly influence of its teachings. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of other organizations seeking to ameliorate the ills of mankind. For many years his name has been upon the membership roll of the Christian church, a church in which he was reared and whose principles embrace all of the human race, wherever found.

In his numerous business dealings Mr. Donaldson has been broad enough to view the situation from the other man's standpoint and he is known as one who under all circumstances aims to be fair and just. He is the happy owner of a large and carefully selected library, from which he draws much inspiration that has softened the hard places in life and from the great writers, living and dead, he has caught glimpses of a wisdom not born of books but inherent in the human heart. His study of finances has been one of his favorite diversions and perhaps some day he will express his ideas, many of them entirely original, in book form.

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### LE ROY M. WADE.

Carlisle says of the orator, "He is God's own annointed king whose single word melts all wills into one." Persons who have been so fortunate as to listen to great speakers, inspired by a lofty theme and in the height of their powers, will agree to the truth of this remark. This beautiful quotation from one of the greatest of English writers is suggested by the career of Le Roy M. Wade, a lawyer of Vincennes, whose reputation is not confined within the borders of his native state, and whose commanding ability in swaying the minds and emotions of men in the court room, amid the exciting scenes of the political campaign or in the more thoughtful and scholarly realm of the platform, is by no one questioned. For many years prominent as an attorney in criminal cases, he gained a

noteworthy reputation as a pleader whose appearance before a jury meant a crowded court room and in many instances a decisive victory for the cause he espoused. In recent years, however, observing in himself and others the profound effect of the emotions necessarily aroused to an intense degree when a human life is at stake, he has turned to general practice of law, and in a field that presents alluring opportunity for the exercise of the milder and more enduring qualities, he is winning new laurels.

Mr. Wade was born on a farm near Cynthiana, Posey county, Indiana, August 22, 1862, a son of George W. and Zereldia (Williams) Wade. The father was a native of Ohio and removed early in life with his parents to Posey county. He has spent most of his life upon a farm, but is now living retired at Cynthiana. The mother was born in Posey county and is still living. They have enjoyed a long life of usefulness and are among the respected members of the community.

The subject of this review spent his boyhood upon the home farm, attended the public schools and later became a student at Brown's College. By inclination and talent attracted to the study of the legal profession, he matriculated in the law department of the University of Virginia and was graduated from that celebrated institution in 1883, with the degree of LL. B. He was then in his twenty-first year, and in order to secure funds he became a school teacher and was employed for two years in the public schools of Mount Vernon, the county seat of Posey county, and an important point on the Ohio river. At the end of this time he entered the office of Judge William P. Edson, one of the most prominent attorneys of the county, and there was inducted into the practice of a profession which soon occupied almost his entire thought, and in which he has since achieved an enviable distinction. At the close of a year with Judge Edson the young attorney had gained quite a reputation as a public speaker and he was appointed deputy prosecuting attorney of Posey and Vanderburg counties, a position which he found greatly to his liking. His duties frequently called him to Evansville, the seat of the courts of Vanderburg county. His acquaintance not only with the procedure and the actual workings of the courts, but with the lawyers and the intricacies of criminal law grew rapidly and he finally resigned his position and located in Mount Vernon as an attorney in active practice that gradually called him to many courts in a wide district embraced by Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. As indicated above, he decided to enter general practice and Vincennes offering a favorable field, he removed to this city June 1, 1909, where he is now permanently established. He has made many friends, and bringing to his new home a mind tested during many years of the closest application not only in the study of the principles of law, but in their application, he is qualified in a rare degree to give a good account of his stewardship in all cases submitted to his charge. As a genial gentleman of wide acquaintance with the world and one whose social and sympathetic natures

have never been sullied by a view of the imperfections perhaps too often brought to light in the courts, he gives promise of many years of usefulness whose term shall cease only with life. He has a good practice, and is much esteemed by other members of the bar.

Mr. Wade was happily married July 12, 1885, to Miss Emma Tente of Mount Vernon, a daughter of C. F. Tente. One son, Fred, aged twenty-one, has been born to them. A natural orator, Mr. Wade is never so happy as when in the presence of an audience, and few men have a more graceful or effective delivery. Animated by that "celestial fire," recognized in all ages and under all climes as one of the richest gifts to man, he stands forth as one of the most eloquent sons of the state that has produced some of the most effective speakers of America. For many years his services have been eagerly sought by campaign committees of the democratic party and his voice has never faltered in the utterance of principles which appealed to him at the beginning of his career, and to which he has given a lifelong devotion.

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### J. M. SAPPENFIELD.

J. M. Sappenfield, who is at the head of a monument and marble cutting enterprise in Bicknell, has built up a splendid business in this connection and is recognized as one of the prominent factors in the commercial life of the town. His birth occurred in Floyd county, Indiana, on the 18th of December, 1878, his parents being Emanuel and Anna (Murphy) Sappenfield. The father, a native of Harrison county, Indiana, is now living in Washington county, this state, where he is engaged in general merchandising. His wife, who was born in Floyd county, Indiana, also still survives. Unto them were born thirteen children, as follows: Elmer, who is chief dispatcher for the Southern Indiana Railroad; J. M., of this review; Cad, who is a trained nurse in the Richmond Hospital at Richmond, Indiana; Florence, the wife of H. W. Baker, a lumberman of Sikeston, Missouri; Goldie, who gave her hand in marriage to T. E. Teegarden and resides in Liberal, Kansas; Claude C., who is an operator in the freight office of the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad at Vincennes, Indiana; Noble, a bookkeeper at Sikeston, Missouri; Fern and Roscoe, both of whom are at home and are employed as clerks; Otto, Vance and Dale, who are likewise still under the parental roof; and Myrtle, who is deceased.

J. M. Sappenfield obtained his education in the graded and high schools of Washington county and also pursued a course of study in the Forrest Business College at Indianapolis, Indiana. Taking up the profession of teaching in Washington county, he followed that vocation successfully for ten years spending three years of that time as an instructor in the public schools of Bicknell. On abandoning educational interests he established a monument

and marble cutting concern in Bicknell and has since built up a business that would be a credit to a place many times the size of this town. His success is attributable directly to his untiring industry, indefatigable energy and capable management. His efforts are recognized as a potent force in the commercial growth and development of Bicknell and he has long been numbered among its most enterprising and public-spirited citizens, doing everything in his power to promote the general welfare.

In 1900 Mr. Sappenfield was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Pollard, by whom he has four children, namely: Roy, Walter, and Max and Rex, twins. In politics Mr. Sappenfield is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery and also to the Eastern Star. He is likewise identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Bicknell. Admirable social qualities and unfeigned cordiality have rendered him very popular and he is at all times approachable, displaying in business and social circles qualities which win esteem, consideration and kindly regard.

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#### MRS. LOUISA J. CLEMONS.

One of the valuable farming properties of Palmyra township is owned and occupied by Mrs. Louisa J. (Horn) Clemons, whose place is situated on donation 69. She has always lived in Knox county, where her parents settled at an early day. Her father, John Horn, was of German extraction and became a wealthy and prominent business man of Vincennes, Indiana. He was interested in various commercial and financial enterprises and was a stockholder in both the First and Second national banks of Vincennes. His business judgment was sound, his discrimination keen and thus his investments were wisely placed and brought to him a substantial return. He married Christina Vaught and unto them were born three children, of whom two are now living.

The daughter, Louisa J. Horn, was the eldest of the family. Her girlhood days were spent in her parents' home and when she had reached womanhood she became the wife of Isaiah Martin Ruble, a native of Palmyra township, born in 1839. He acquired his early education in the district schools of that township and remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when in response to the country's call for military aid he joined the Union army in October, 1861, becoming a member of Company H, Fifty-first Indiana Infantry, at Bruceville. He served with that command until December, 1865, or for four years, during which period he was often in the thickest of the fight on many of the hotly contested battlefields of the south. He never wavered in his duty and returned to his home with a creditable military record. When the war was over he again became a



resident of Knox county, Indiana, where he engaged in farming continuing in that business up to the time of his death, which occurred October 21, 1879. He was very successful in his work as an agriculturist, his business ability, sound judgment and unfaltering enterprise being manifest in the prosperity which rewarded his labors. At his death he left three hundred acres of land, which was the visible evidence of his life of thrift and enterprise. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ruble there were born two children, both of whom are still living. The elder, Emma, is now the wife of John Mack, a resident of Palmyra township, and they have six children. The younger, John M. Ruble, is married and lives in Bicknell, Indiana, with his wife and two children. After losing her first husband Mrs. Ruble became the wife of Joseph J. Clemons who lived but a short time after their marriage. They had one child, James M. Clemons, a resident of Palmyra township, who is married and has two children, Charles H. and Louisa M.

Mrs. Clemons is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, devoted to its welfare and faithful to its teachings. She is the owner of a valuable farm property of two hundred acres in donations 69 and 75, Palmyra township, and in addition she owns a dwelling and fourteen lots in the town of Bicknell. She is thus comfortably situated in life, being able to provide her home not only with the necessities but also with many luxuries such as go to make life worth living. She has always resided in Knox county, where she has a wide acquaintance, and her many good qualities have won her the friendly regard of those with whom she has been brought in contact.

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### JOSEPH BOND.

One of the well known citizens of Knox county, is Joseph Bond. For seventy-four years he has been a resident of this county and many years ago became a leading farmer of Busseron township. Although he has given a farm to each of his children, he is still the owner of one of the most valuable farming properties in the township. A native of Virginia, he was born in Shenandoah county, March 30, 1829, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth E. (Orndorff) Bond. The father, who was also a native of Shenandoah county, came with his family to Knox county in 1836. He was not very liberally supplied with this world's goods and so he began on a small scale by renting land. Later he purchased a tract of eighty acres and as his means increased he acquired more land until he became the owner of a well improved farm of four hundred acres. He was a man of great industry and good business judgment and acquired a position as one of the most highly respected members of the community. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bond, five of whom are now living.

Joseph Bond received his early education in the district schools of Knox county and as he grew up assisted on the farm and became thoroughly

acquainted with the details of agriculture and stock-raising. After reaching manhood he began for himself by renting land and at the end of five years acquired a small capital, with which he purchased a farm, finally accumulating seven hundred acres of land in this county. He is recognized as a man of clear judgment in business affairs and his advice is often sought by those who seek to proceed along most approved lines. When his advice is followed it is very seldom the individual goes astray. He believes in assisting young persons who are starting out in life to obtain such advantages as are possible under the conditions in which we now live and accordingly he has deeded to each of his five children eighty acres of land, retaining three hundred acres for himself.

In 1854 Mr. Bond was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Latshaw and seven children were born to this union, five of whom are now living: Robert F., who is married and has three children; William, who is married and has six children; Francis T., who is married and has three children; Lou, now Mrs. James Curry and the mother of one child; and Dora, at home. The mother having departed this life, Mr. Bond was married in 1892 to Mrs. Mary E. (Kennedy) Shepherd, a daughter of Rev. Stephen Kennedy of Illinois, who was a minister of the gospel.

Although Mr. Bond has reached an age when most men are retired from active business, his natural force is largely unabated and he is still capable of transacting important business affairs as a man thirty years his junior. He is a stanch advocate of the republican party and, although he has never sought public office, he has served for a number of years in minor township offices, discharging his duties with a fidelity that met the hearty approval of the people. For sixty-two years he has been a member of the Christian church and during the entire period has acted as elder in the church. In his relations with others he has made it his aim to deal justly, speak gently and ever to keep in mind that all men are of one blood and of one brotherhood.

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#### CHARLES NICHOLSON.

Charles Nicholson, postmaster of Wheatland and one of the prosperous agriculturists of Knox county, is a native of this county, born in Steen township, January 9, 1864, and is a son of Andrew and Caroline (Boyd) Nicholson. After attending the district schools, he became a student in the public schools of Vincennes. Laying his books aside at seventeen years of age, he began in the mercantile business and later became junior member of the firm of Dukote & Nicholson, dealers in hardware and drugs, at Wheatland. Subsequently he closed out his business and engaged in farming but later became connected with general merchandising, in which he continued until 1908, when he again became actively interested in farming

and is now the owner of two hundred and ten acres of land in donation 108 and two hundred and thirty acres in Daviess county, Indiana. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Wheatland. His wife owns one hundred acres in donation 108 and a house and four lots in the village. In 1906 Mr. Nicholson was appointed postmaster of Wheatland and this position he still retains, having discharged his duties in such a way as to meet with the commendation not only of the people of Wheatland and vicinity but of the officers of the government at Washington.

On May 18, 1892, Mr. Nicholson was united in marriage to Miss May Steen, a daughter of Enoch and Sadie Steen. Steen township received its name from this family, the older members of which were among the prominent pioneers of Knox county. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson: Lois, Eleanor Ruth and Charles Byron.

Mr. Nicholson has been from the time of reaching manhood an ardent supporter of the republican party and has assisted to the extent of his ability in advancing the interests of the party in Knox county. His religious belief is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church and socially he is connected with the Order of Ben Hur, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Court of Honor, the Knights of Honor, the Mutual Protective Association and several other organizations. He has an abiding interest in the county where he has lived all his life and is always a willing contributor to any cause, either public or private, that aims to advance the interest of the region in which he makes his home. He is a public-spirited, patriotic citizen and is known as one whose desire it is to promote the moral as well as the material welfare of those with whom he is associated. In all the relations of life he has been constant and true and therefore well merits the esteem in which he is held by all who know him.

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### THOMAS J. REEL.

Thomas J. Reel, the owner of a well improved farm in a rich section of Knox county and a citizen who stands very high in the estimation of those who know him, was born in Harrison township, November 22, 1843, his parents being Aaron and Catherine (Jordon) Reel. The father was a native of the Keystone state and came from Pennsylvania to Knox county in his early manhood, seeking a permanent location where conditions would be more favorable than those of older settled communities. He found a desirable tract of land in the region south of Vincennes, and there he lived until his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-one years. He was a man of good judgment and one who always attempted to perform his duty to those with whom he was associated. The mother was a native of Johnson township, this county. The father was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Pancake, by whom he had five children, one of whom died in infancy.

Samuel, David and Aaron are now deceased; and Fred is a farmer living in Harrison township. Three children were born to the second marriage: Maggie, now deceased; Thomas J., our subject; and Mary, the wife of Samuel Candle, of Vincennes.

The subject of this review was educated in the public schools of Vincennes and later attended school in the country. In February, 1865, having then attained the age of twenty-one years, he enlisted in the army to fight for the cause of the Union, serving for nine months, but as the war was drawing to a close at the time of his enlistment he was never present at any engagement. Immediately after his return home he began his active career as a farmer and in 1873 purchased the land on which he has since lived. Here he has made all the improvements, including a comfortable residence and ample outbuildings and he has cleared the land, planted shade and ornamental trees, tiled the land and built fences, thus bringing the farm up to a high standard and making it capable of a good degree of cultivation. That he is a worker is indicated by the fact of his attending seventeen log-rollings in one season. His farm comprises sixty-seven and one-half acres, formerly occupied by a forest which it required a large amount of work to remove.

In 1871 Mr. Reel was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Hertle, who comes of staunch Teutonic ancestry and was born in Germany. Five children have blessed their union: Katie, the wife of Marshall Barrickton, of Monroe City; Louisa, now Mrs. John Hicks, of Olney, Illinois; Gertrude, a trained nurse of Olney; Lawrence, a farmer of Harrison township; and Theodore, deceased.

As the head of a family Mr. Reel performed an honorable part in life by setting a creditable example for his children and those with whom he has associated. He is a firm believer in the Bible as the inspired revelation and indicates his faith by membership in the Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee. Politically he is identified with the democratic party. That he is successful as a farmer is shown by the neat appearance of his home and the well tilled fields which annually return rich harvests. He has earned the place he holds as a responsible and respected citizen of an intelligent community.

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#### MRS. VOLENDER BOYD.

Mrs. Volender Boyd, a worthy member of one of the honored families and for many years a resident of Knox county, was born at Clinton, Illinois, November 18, 1841. She is a daughter of Adam and Anna (Smith) Hornback, the former of whom was born November 16, 1800, in Palmyra township, this county, and the latter February 25, 1803. Adam Hornback received his preliminary education in the public schools of his native county and later attended college in Virginia, now West Virginia, where he became

qualified as a physician. After practicing his profession for a time in Virginia he returned to Knox county and later took up his residence in Clinton county, Illinois, where he acquired a fine reputation as a medical practitioner and also engaged on an extensive scale in agricultural pursuits. He was a man of good judgment in business affairs and accumulated eight hundred acres of land in Illinois, enjoying in an eminent degree the confidence of the people. He was called from earthly scenes December 12, 1858, his wife having died December 12, 1845.

Volender Hornback grew to womanhood and was married November 11, 1870, to Leroy Boyd, who was born in Knox county, February 4, 1837. He received his early education in the district schools and later attended college at New Lebanon, Indiana. He became a prominent farmer in this county and one of the largest live-stock feeders and shippers of the county. He was also associated with other interests, being a stockholder in the First and Second National Banks of Vincennes. He was one of the leaders in the organization of the Knox County Fair Association and a member of the first advisory board of the association, also being a member of the board in later years. Mr. Boyd was a strong believer in the Bible and an active worker in the Bruceville Methodist Episcopal church. From the time of reaching manhood he adhered to the principles of the republican party. On March 11, 1908, this worthy citizen passed away.

There were four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd: Stella, the wife of Lincoln Horbinson and the mother of six children; Alice, who married Edward Bierhaus and is the mother of four children; and J. T. and Dr. C. L., both of whom are appropriately mentioned in this work. Mrs. Boyd resides at the family homestead, which embraces four hundred acres and is one of the finest farms in this county. Throughout a wide region she has many friends, to whom she has endeared herself by countless acts of courtesy and kindness. She has lived to see great transformations in a country now dotted with comfortable farm houses and known as one of the garden spots of the middle west, and she herself has assisted as opportunity presented in strengthening those ties which made society possible and enhance the beauty and pleasures of life. As one of the intelligent and respected members of the community, who has long been connected with its best interests, no record of Knox county would be complete without adequate mention of the subject of this review.

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#### MRS. CAROLINE NICHOLSON.

Mrs. Caroline (Boyd) Nicholson has traveled life's journey for eighty-five years, being today one of the oldest residents of Knox county, making her home upon a farm of seventy-three acres which is situated on donation 87, Steen township. She was born in Wythe county, Virginia, December 29, 1825, a daughter of John T. and Christina Boyd. Her father was born in

South Carolina on the 28th of April, 1805, and on the 11th of September, 1823, was married. There were seventeen children born of that union, of whom Mrs. Nicholson was the second in order of birth. Her girlhood days were spent in the south and in early womanhood she became the wife of Andrew Nicholson, who sought her hand in marriage and with whom she long traveled life's journey. Their wedding was celebrated in 1854. Mr. Nicholson was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1812. He made farming his life work and was a very successful man. He recognized the fact that industry and unfaltering perseverance constitute the basis of business advancement and he worked hard year after year until he was enabled to add to his property and became the owner of considerable land. He was a man held in the highest regard by all because of his well known business integrity and enterprise. His word was as good as any bond ever solemnized by signature or seal.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson was blessed with seven children and five of the number are still living, as follows: Mary, who is the wife of Henry Watjen, by whom she has six children; Martha Ann, who gave her hand in marriage to James D. Williams, a grandson of Ex Governor Williams, and is now the mother of six children: John; Charles, who is married and has three children; and Andrew E., who is the father of two children.

Mr. Nicholson was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, took active part in its work, contributed generously to its support and also gave freely where charity was needed. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he held many township offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. He was called to his final rest in 1886 and thus passed away one who was ever regarded as a valued and worthy citizen of Knox county, where he had lived since 1815. Mrs. Nicholson still makes her home on donation 87, Steen township, where she owns seventy-three acres of rich and valuable land but has converted most of her property into money. Her holdings are sufficient to supply her in the evening of her days with all of the comforts of life and she is among the most highly esteemed of Knox county's pioneer women.

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#### E. R. STOCKER.

E. R. Stocker, who for the past years has conducted a large undertaking business in Vincennes, his establishment being particularly well equipped, is a native of Greenville, Ohio, born on the 19th of March, 1875. His parents were Andrew and Margaret (Rader) Stocker. The father was a farmer and landowner who for some years engaged in the tilling of the soil but afterward turned his attention to the butchering business. In both lines he was quite successful and eventually became a man of wealth, his

prosperity enabling him to retire from active business life, so that he is now spending his days in the enjoyment of well earned and well merited rest.

Spending his youthful days in his native city, E. R. Stocker pursued his education in the public schools of Greenville until graduated from the high school. Immediately afterward he began learning the undertaking business with his brother and subsequently pursued a course in embalming in Cincinnati, Ohio. He worked with his brother for four years and has been engaged altogether in the undertaking business for twenty years. He came to Vincennes from Lawrenceville, Illinois, where he had conducted an undertaking establishment for six years, and since 1903 has been located in Vincennes, where a very extensive patronage has been accorded him, his being one of the leading undertaking establishments in the city.

On the 28th of June, 1909, Mr. Stocker was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Frances Groves, of Allison Prairie, Illinois, a daughter of Frank and Delpha (Hepsher) Groves. Mrs. Stocker was formerly a trained nurse, a graduate of the Chicago Baptist Hospital.

In fraternal circles E. R. Stocker is widely and favorably known. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; to Corner Stone Lodge, No. 126, K. P.; to the Modern Woodmen camp; to Court of Honor, No. 432; to the Independent Order of Samaritans and the American Home Circle. All of these indicates much of the nature of his interests and the principles which govern his actions. He is, moreover, a consistent member of the Christian church. His popularity is well deserved as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that never flags. He finds delight in serving his fellowmen in conformity to the fraternal spirit of the different lodges to which he belongs, and he is a worthy representative of that class who constitute the best force in the citizenship of the community.

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#### CURTIS T. McCLURE.

One of the prosperous and successful farmers of Knox county is Curtis T. McClure, the owner of a highly improved farm of two hundred acres in Palmyra township. He was born in that township, September 1, 1876, and is a son of W. T. and Sarah E. (Bunting) McClure, the former of whom was born in Palmyra township, October 16, 1842, and the latter in Vigo township, this county, January 28, 1848. The father was educated in the district schools of Knox county and became one of its very prominent citizens not only as an agriculturist but in the political affairs of the county. At the time of his death, which occurred July 16, 1907, he was the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres, provided with all modern conveniences. He was a public-spirited man and one of the prime movers in the county fair association, of which he was a stockholder. He took a great deal of interest in

politics and for two years, from 1894 to 1896, he was treasurer of the county and also filled the office of county trustee for two years. Socially he was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his religious belief was indicated by the active support which he gave to the Presbyterian church. Mrs. McClure was a daughter of S. A. and Elizabeth (Scott) Bunting, the father a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Knox county. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom Sarah E. was the second in order of birth. There were seven children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. McClure: William, who died in infancy; Emma, the wife of J. R. Huddleson, of Chicago, and the mother of one child; Effie, deceased; Curtis T., of this review; and Louis P., Mary and Fannie, now living at home.

The subject of this review grew up upon the farm and attended the district schools of Knox county but, having shown a strong inclination for intellectual research, he became a student in Vincennes University and from that institution went to Lebanon, Ohio, where he entered the National Normal University, which was presided over by the celebrated Alfred Holbrook, one of the most remarkable teachers that this country has produced, who remembered the names of the students of his institution until they had accumulated to the number of more than thirty thousand. After returning from the university he resumed operations upon the farm and at twenty-seven years of age purchased two hundred acres of land in donation No. 4, Palmyra township, where he has since continued, and he now enjoys the comfort and abundance which is the reward of rightly directed effort, being the fortunate owner of one of the valuable farming properties of the township.

In 1901 Mr. McClure was united in marriage to Miss Helen Niblack, a daughter of Sanford L. and Susan (Brooks) Niblack. Two children have brightened the home of Mr. and Mrs. McClure: Persis and Thornton Niblack. Although a young man and, therefore, just fairly launched upon his business career, Mr. McClure has gained and established a reputation as one of the substantial citizens of the county, whose success is founded on real worth and whose future is practically assured. As a business man he ranks very high, having demonstrated his reliability by a straight-forward course in all dealings with his fellowmen, from which he has never wavered. He and his estimable wife have many friends in the community where they make their home.

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#### ALBERT M. SHEPERD.

The life of Albert M. Sheperd proves that a business, honestly conducted in accordance with the great laws which control all legitimate lines of trade, may rise to the forefront of the productive industries of the locality in which it is carried on. Never employing the methods of frenzied finance but giving adequate value for each dollar received, he has proven that the business



which is conducted on the value for value system is the only one that tends to the prosperity of this great republic. The exactness of modern business methods has made the study of success a science and the life record of each truly successful man contains lessons of intrinsic value to all who would attain advancement and promotion. As the head of a paper manufactory of Vincennes, he is today one of the chief factors in commercial and manufacturing circles in this part of Indiana.

His birth occurred near Dayton, Ohio, July 22, 1864. He is a son of Jacob H. Sheperd, a native of Pennsylvania, who in his boyhood days went to Ohio with his father, Henry L. Sheperd, who was a native of Berne, Switzerland, and after coming to the new world lived for some time in the Keystone state ere his removal westward. Reared to agricultural pursuits, Jacob H. Sheperd followed the occupation of farming until 1884, when he turned his attention to the manufacture of paper in Piqua, Ohio. In 1886 he removed to Vincennes, where he organized the Vincennes Paper Company and established the paper manufacturing plant which he conducted until his death in 1893. In early manhood he had wedded Elizabeth Grimes, a native of Virginia and a representative of one of the old families of that state. She died in Vincennes in 1900 in the old William Henry Harrison home, passing away at the age of sixty-eight years, while the death of Mr. Sheperd occurred when he was sixty-seven years of age.

In the country schools of Ohio Albert M. Sheperd pursued his education and through vacation periods worked upon his father's farm. He was twenty years of age when his father turned his attention to the business of manufacturing paper and from the organization of the enterprise Albert M. Sheperd was associated therewith, thoroughly learning the business in principle and detail. He commenced at the very beginning and worked his way steadily upward, familiarizing himself with each branch of the trade. He came with his father to Vincennes in 1886 and upon the death of his father took charge of the business, which he has since conducted. At that time it was a comparatively small undertaking, but in the intervening years he has increased the trade five times and is now making further improvements and additions to the plant in order to meet the growing demands of the trade. He ships his product all over the United States and also exports his goods to Canada and foreign lands. He employs the most modern and improved processes in manufacturing and his well equipped factory enables him to turn out a product of excellent grade, which finds a ready sale on the market. In addition to his paper manufacturing interests Mr. Sheperd is the president of the American Filler Company, also of the Vincennes Egg Case Company and of the Vincennes Agency Company, all of which profit by his sound judgment and keen business discernment.

Mr. Sheperd was married in Vincennes to Miss Clara S. Burlingame, who was born near Lawrenceburg, Indiana. They have two sons, Howard and Dwight, but lost their youngest child, Helen, in 1900, when she was but four years of age.

Mr. Sheperd has long exercised his right of franchise in support of the principles of the republican party and has served as a member of the city council for two terms from the third and fourth wards. He has devoted his time and attention to business and not to politics, however, yet is not neglectful of the duties of citizenship nor of his obligations to his fellowmen. He belongs to the Methodist church and his life has been guided by its teachings. He is a most highly respected man, who speaks today by his character, by his conduct, by his splendid success, to young men to give up all fictitious methods of business and, returning to that which is honest, laborious and true, win not only prosperity but also the gratitude and honor of their fellowmen. Building upon the simple, old-fashioned principles of business that "honesty is the best policy" and that "there is no excellence without labor" he has gained a most creditable and gratifying position among the merchants and manufacturers of Vincennes.

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### JOSEPH L. EBNER.

Joseph L. Ebner, one of the successful business men of Vincennes, was born in this city, January 6, 1863, and has always made his home here. He is a son of John and Catherine (Kuhn) Ebner, both natives of Alsace, France, now a part of Germany, the former born in 1817 and the latter in 1832. The father came to Vincennes about 1855 and engaged in the brewing and ice business. At that time one thousand pounds of ice a day was the limit. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ebner: Magdalena, now Mrs. Joseph Schmidt, of Vincennes; John Ebner, Jr., deceased; Mary E., now the widow of Herman Wissing; Joseph L., the subject of this sketch; Lawrence A.; and Teresa H., now the wife of George G. Schaller.

Joseph L. Ebner was educated in the German Catholic schools and high school of Vincennes, later attending for a year the college at Teutopolis, Illinois, under the management of the Franciscan Fathers. In 1880, at the age of seventeen, he left school and became assistant to his father in the ice business and has ever since been identified with business interests of this city. In 1889 he built the first ice plant in Vincennes, which was the second ice manufacturing plant erected in the state, the first having been erected at Evansville. In 1906 the ice plant, having a capacity of eighty tons per day, was sold to the Ebner Ice & Cold Storage Company, which now owns four ice plants with a capacity of two hundred tons per day. In addition to the ice business each plant has a cold storage department. The main cold storage building is constructed of brick with reinforced concrete columns and floors and is five stories in height, the capacity being sixty thousand barrels. The other three plants have a storage capacity of fifty thousand barrels, making a total of one hundred and ten thousand barrels. This is one of the most complete plants of the kind in the middle west. In addition to serving as



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president of the Ebner Ice & Cold Storage Company Mr. Ebner is vice president of the Vincennes Milk & Ice Cream Company. He is also a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank and for many years has been known as an important factor in the growth and prosperity of the city.

In 1887 Mr. Ebner was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Raben, who was born at St. Wendells, Indiana, in 1864, a daughter of Anthony and Mary (Tenbarger) Raben, natives of Holland. Her father was engaged in the general merchandise business and had the distinction of being the oldest postmaster in this state at the time of his death. Mrs. Ebner departed this life January 24, 1894. By her marriage she became the mother of three daughters, all of whom are now living: Vivia, born at Vincennes in 1888; Laurine, born in August, 1891; and Mary, born in July 1893.

For nineteen years Mr. Ebner has been a member of the Vincennes Board of Trade and the esteem in which he is held by his business associates is indicated by the fact that he is one of its directors. He is recognized as a man of sound business principles, a competent manager of important enterprises, and as a citizen who aims to discharge his duties in such a way as to enhance the prosperity and happiness of all with whom he is identified.

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#### W. S. KEITH.

W. S. Keith, postmaster of Bicknell and one of its most esteemed citizens, was born in Knox county, February 2, 1850, and is a son of Warren C. and Elizabeth (Chambers) Keith. The father was a native of Kentucky. The maternal grandfather, Joseph Chambers, came to this region at a very early day, while the country was still occupied by Indians and when settlers were obliged to live in forts and carry guns as a protection whenever they traveled through the country. He was a successful farmer and a leader in the community, being active in establishing churches and schools and in the settlement of questions which arose in those early times. The mother of our subject was a woman of many excellent qualifications and greatly endeared herself to all with whom she was associated. She departed this life in 1876. There were ten children in the family: Angeline, deceased; Nannie, deceased; Maggie, of Vincennes; W. S., our subject; Alice, deceased; Joseph Lewis, of Indianapolis; Jonathan, who became a lawyer of Vincennes and is now deceased; Charles Spurgeon, formerly of Wichita, Kansas, now deceased; and Milton and Morton, both of whom died in infancy.

W. S. Keith was educated in the common schools and grew up upon the home farm. At eighteen years of age he began to work at farm labor by the month and at the age of twenty-three he was married, after which he began farming on his own account, continuing until 1889, when he removed to Bicknell. Here he engaged in various lines of business until 1896, when he was appointed postmaster. At the time of his appointment the office be-

longed to the fourth class but through his efforts it was advanced to the third class, October 1, 1896. He has filled the position to the acceptance of the people of Bicknell and vicinity and also to the satisfaction of the officials at Washington. He is very careful and considerate in his management of affairs and devotes his entire attention to his duties. The business has grown until he now requires the aid of four assistants. Financially Mr. Keith has prospered and he is the owner of a handsome and commodious residence on Sycamore street.

In 1873 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Wallace, and to this union six children have been born: Stella, the wife of Frank Linn, of Bicknell; Jesse C., who married Noma Phillippe and lives at Indianapolis; Earl G., who married Mabel Bicknell and lives in Bicknell; and Morton, Lottie and an infant, all deceased.

Politically Mr. Keith has from the time of casting his first ballot been a staunch supporter of the republican party. Socially he is identified with the Court of Honor and the Masonic fraternity, both of Bicknell. By his obliging disposition and kindness of heart he has attracted a wide circle of friends and acquaintances and his able discharge of official duties is an indication of his ability as a business man. His influence ever since he arrived at the age of discretion has always assisted in the promotion of good-will and of those qualities that contribute most to the development of useful character. Hence it is no exaggeration to say that he is one of the most popular men in Bicknell and that he enjoys the confidence of all with whom he associates either in social or business life.

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#### HAMET D. HINKLE.

Prominent both as a lawyer and a business man, Hamet D. Hinkle, of Vincennes, is well known in Knox county, where he has spent most of his life. He was born September 18, 1869, and is a son of James S. Hinkle, a native of Jefferson county, Kentucky, born April 28, 1839. The father came to Knox county in 1849, and here engaged in farming. He married Eliza Walker, who was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1841, and departed this life in that county in 1878. There were six children in the family, three sons and three daughters: Elzora, deceased; John, who married Anna Jones and has two children; Carrie, deceased; Cora, now deceased, who became the wife of J. K. Harbin and the mother of one child; Hamet D.; and Charles, who married Sallie Spencer. The father was a second time married in 1886, to Mrs. Margaret Learned, and there were two children by this marriage, Pansy and Pearl, both at home.

Hamet D. Hinkle was educated in the public schools of Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, and after leaving the common schools, became a student

at the Indiana State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1895. He was for a number of years engaged in school teaching in Knox, Sullivan and Bartholomew counties, Indiana, and purchased a farm on which he lived during the last six years as a teacher. Although successful in anything he undertook, he felt attracted to the legal profession and, disposing of his farm, he came to Vincennes and studied law in the office of C. B. Kessinger and was admitted to the bar in 1907. He has since engaged in practice and has his office in the new La Plante building. Having been interested in land and real-estate transactions for a number of years on his own account, his practice consists largely of probate business, in which he is meeting with remarkable success, and in his own real-estate operations he has shown a judgment almost phenomenal, as he is now the owner of eighty acres of land in Lawrence county, Illinois, three hundred acres in Sullivan county, Indiana, and one hundred and fourteen acres in Knox county and also is heavily interested in real estate in Vincennes. Eighty acres of his land is very valuable on account of the extensive oil deposits.

On March 31, 1898, Mr. Hinkle was married in Knox county to Miss Grace McClure, who was born in McDonough county, Illinois, in 1872. Her father, Rev. Thornton S. McClure, was born in Knox county in 1833 and is well known as a Presbyterian minister. The mother, Melissa Lounsedale, is a native of Pike county, Indiana. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle: Hamet, Jr., born January 10, 1905; and Helen Elzora, May 21, 1907. The wife and mother died August 14, 1907, and on November 14, 1909, Mr. Hinkle was married to Miss Grace Prow, one of the leading supervisors of music in the state, who was born at Salem, Indiana, April 7, 1875. She is a daughter of Fred L. and Lucretia (Montgomery) Prow, the former born in Lawrence county, Indiana, in 1840, and the latter in the same county in 1847.

Mr. Hinkle has been prominently identified with the prohibition party in Knox county and was twice a candidate upon its ticket for prosecuting attorney of the county, receiving at the time of his second candidacy fifteen hundred and fifty votes, which was thirteen hundred and fifty more votes than there were prohibitionists in the county. He is a staunch supporter of the Methodist church and is a member of the official board. As indicated above, he has been in a very high degree successful financially. At the time of his marriage his worldly possessions consisted of eighty-two dollars in money. Six years later he had accumulated ten thousand dollars and at the present time he is one of the well-to-do men of Knox county. In the various relations of life Mr. Hinkle has so conducted himself as to make many friends and to retain the confidence and respect of every community where he is known. The possessor of unusual sagacity, he is recognized as one of the clear-headed business men of the county. He is a man of unsullied integrity and strong convictions, and is absolutely fearless when he feels himself to be in the right. He has never courted

popularity and would rather go down in defeat in a good cause than to win in one that he felt to be wrong. All enterprises aiming to secure the best good of the people financially, socially or morally have found in him a steadfast friend.

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### HENRIETTA (HAMM) LYTTON.

Steen township can claim no more worthy or respected resident than the one whose name stands at the head of this review. For fifty years she has noted the progress of events in that part of Knox county and she and those with whom she has been identified have assisted most creditably in upholding the welfare of the township. Born in Lawrence county, Indiana, February 5, 1840, she is a daughter of Alfred C. Hamm, who was born in Madison county, Kentucky, June 27, 1812. He removed to Lawrence county in his boyhood. There he was educated, grew to manhood and learned the carpenter's trade, to which he devoted a large part of his life. He was highly successful in his calling and by an honest and straightforward course in business affairs, he gained the respect of all with whom he came in contact. Originally a member of the old whig party, he became affiliated with its successor, the republican party, of which he was an ardent supporter. As a believer in the inspiration of the Bible, he was also a supporter of the church and held membership in the Methodist denomination. In December, 1830, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Ann Knight, who was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, June 15, 1819. Her father was a farmer and a native of Kentucky. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hamm, three of whom are now living.

Henrietta Hamm was educated in the public schools and grew to womanhood under the protection of a kindly home. On June 5, 1860, she was united in marriage to Dr. Jefferson R. Lytton, who was born June 5, 1833, in Lawrence county, and after having obtained his preliminary education in the common schools, he attended the State University at Bloomington and later entered a medical college at Louisville, Kentucky, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. Immediately after they were married the young couple came to Knox county and Dr. Lytton here began practicing his profession in 1860. Having been well prepared for his duties and being a man of fine natural attainments, he soon gained the confidence of the community and was eminently successful as a practitioner. He also possessed unusual business capacity and acquired six hundred acres of land in the county besides some town property and during the later years of his life lived retired from practice and devoted his attention to his private interests. Politically he was an adherent of the democratic party and socially a valued member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was called from earthly scenes October 2, 1904, and the general expression of regret at that time was evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by the community.



Unto Dr. and Mrs. Lytton were born eight children, namely: Gertrude, deceased; Jessie; Sallie; Gilbert; Lydia; Walter; Frank, deceased; and Ralph. Jessie is the wife of A. C. Nicholson and has five children: Irene, Henrietta, Lytton, Gene and Hugh. Of these Irene is now Mrs. Langdon and has one son, Louis. Gilbert Lytton has eight children: Raymond, Louise, John, Floyd, Lawrence, Ralph, Hugh and a baby boy.

Mrs. Lytton is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and fifty acres and also of town property which came to her from her husband. Her ear is always open to the call of distress and she is ever willing to assist in every worthy cause that seeks to soften or remove the ills of the unfortunate. A descendant of pioneers, she understands the difficulties under which many labor in seeking to establish a home and she also knows the value of a home after it is once secured. She has the esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who recognize in her those qualities which are most essential in contributing to the comfort and happiness of life and which are the foundation of all that is estimable in human character.

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#### MRS. VIRGINIA M. DUNN.

Among the highly esteemed women of Knox county is Mrs. Virginia M. Dunn, a native of this county and a descendant of southern ancestry, her father, John W. Allen, having been a native of Abbeville county, South Carolina. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary E. Brewer, was a native of Berkeley county, West Virginia, born September 29, 1811. Mr. Allen was born January 8, 1804, and received his education in the public schools of his native state. Desiring to possess wider opportunities than were presented in South Carolina, he emigrated to Indiana at an early day and here he was married September 23, 1831. He became one of the successful farmers of Knox county, a man of unimpeachable character and one who inspired the highest respect in those with whom he was associated. Three children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen; Charles W., deceased; Virginia, of this review; and Francis.

Mrs. Dunn grew up under the favoring influences of a kindly home and received a good education in the neighboring schools. On the 24th of December, 1863, she was happily united in marriage to Samuel L. Dunn, who was a son of Joseph Dunn, a native of Ireland. The father came to America in his boyhood and located in Knox county, Indiana, but later removed to Daviess county, where he continued upon a farm until his death. Samuel L. Dunn received a common-school education and early became acquainted with agriculture and stock-raising, to which he devoted his energies until his death, which occurred in 1875. He was a man of sound judgment, industrious and thorough in everything he undertook and the possessor of a generous and friendly nature which gained for him many friends. Socially he was identi-

fied with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and for many years up to the time of his death he was a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church and served as trustee and Sunday school superintendent, devoting to these duties the same interest that he displayed in his private affairs. He accumulated a handsome competence, the estate going to his wife at the time of his death.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dunn: Mary Frances, who became the wife of William Sanders and is the mother of three children; Ula, deceased; Richard C., who is married and is the father of six children; Emma, now living at home; Violet, the wife of William J. Commer; and Katy, deceased. Mrs. Dunn occupies the family homestead, which is endeared to her by many fond associations, and in the evening of life, brightened by many acts of kindness and unselfishness, she enjoys the confidence not only of her relatives but of all with whom she comes into contact. She is the owner of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Steen township and of three houses and lots in Wheatland and is a liberal contributor to all worthy charities and to all causes that have for their purpose the advancement of the community.

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### GEORGE TURBETT.

Among the native sons of Indiana who have attained success as farmers and have gained an honored place in the estimation of their fellows may be named George Turbett, of Johnson township, Knox county. He was born in the township where he now lives, January 6, 1850, and is a son of Henry and Nellie (Mays) Turbett, the former of whom was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1801, and the latter in Johnson township, this county, November 4, 1806. Mr. Turbett, Sr., was one of the pioneer settlers of the state and became the owner of three hundred acres of land. He was a brave and capable man and served in the Black Hawk war as captain, being greatly esteemed by all who knew him. He was called away February 25, 1859, at the age of fifty-eight years. The beloved mother died September 17, 1876. There were ten children in the family: Nancy, Mary, Lewis, Betsey, Jane, William, Martin, James, George and Prudence.

George Turbett was educated in the district schools and early became acquainted with all kinds of work pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. Even as a lad he showed a natural adaptability to farming pursuits and later he became known as one of the most enterprising and progressive farmers of the township. He is the owner of two hundred and sixteen acres of land, which he cleared and improved, building a commodious residence and barns and making it one of the most attractive landed possessions in the region. He raises wheat, corn and oats upon an extensive scale and also gives a great deal of attention to the breeding of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and Poland

China hogs. He has sold from his place some of the finest specimens of the breeds named that have during recent years been sent out of the county.

On the 28th of January, 1877, Mr. Turbett was happily united in marriage to Adelia Turpin, of Johnson township, a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Leathers) Turpin. The father was born in Kentucky and the mother in Gibson county, Indiana. They were the parents of four children: Jane, Adelia, Catherine and Calvin. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Turbett has been brightened by the arrival of four children: Royse, Travis, Opal and Lelia. Mr. Turbett is a staunch supporter of the democratic party and fraternally is identified with the Tribe of Ben Hur at Decker. He is a valued member of the United Brethern church, to which he contributes liberally. He has from his boyhood been identified with farming interests and has shown an energy and ability that seldom fail to meet with just recognition.

Modest and unassuming in his manner, he has made many friends, who often seek his advice in matters pertaining to stock breeding, as it is generally acknowledged by his acquaintances that he is an expert in this line, having made the subject one of the principal studies of his life. He has attained his responsible position through his own efforts and deserves the honor that he now enjoys.

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#### CHARLES M. WRIGHT.

Charles M. Wright, well known in Knox county as a business man and banker and one who has reflected credit upon all with whom he has been associated, was born at Edwardsport, Knox county, April 16, 1868. He is a son of Amos M. and Anne Elizabeth Wright, both of whom are now living at Edwardsport. The father was born in Washington county, Indiana, August 7, 1841. He was a son of Amos and Jane (Gross) Wright, the former of whom was a native of Kentucky and came to Indiana before the state was admitted to the Union. He was born in 1805 and died at the age of seventy-five years, in 1880, being well known as a minister of the Christian church. Jane (Gross) Wright was a native of Virginia and came with her parents to Indiana in the early days, departing this life in June, 1870. Seven children were born to Amos and Jane (Gross) Wright, two of whom died in infancy. Isaac died at Danville, Kentucky, in a hospital while serving in the United States army at the time of the Civil war. Nathan B. and Levi P. grew to maturity and are deceased. Lavina, the widow of John Huston, is now living at Edwardsport. Amos M. was educated in the country schools of Washington county and moved with the family to Middletown, Indiana, at eleven years of age, locating at Edwardsport in 1860. Just as he was beginning his active career the Civil war aroused the patriotism of young men throughout the north and he enlisted in Company C, Eightieth Indiana Infantry, in which he served for three years, becoming a

sergeant of his company. He was present at several of the great battles in which the Army of the West participated, among which were Perryville and Resaca, receiving a severe wound in the latter battle. After spending ten months in the hospital he rejoined his regiment and continued in active service until the expiration of three years. Upon receiving his honorable discharge he came home and for a year and a half was engaged in the wagon-making business. He then devoted his attention to farming, later removing to town, where he lived until 1880, since which time he has resided in a comfortable home in the suburbs of Edwardsport. He is the fortunate owner of a farm of one hundred and eighty-two acres in Knox county. Here he has made many improvements and some years ago rebuilt the commodious dwelling which stands upon the place. He is also the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and twenty-three acres on the river bottom and his wife owns one hundred and four acres in Daviess county just across the river. For the past four years he has lived retired. In 1867 Mr. Wright married Miss Anne Elizabeth Hulen, and ten children came to bless the union; Charles M., the subject of this review; Fanny B., the wife of Mitchell P. Barr, of Edwardsport; John N., a farmer living near Edwardsport; Mary M., at home; Cora F., who is in the bank with her brother; Elsie E., the wife of Christan French, of Vigo township; Bessie B., at home; Bernard, a farmer of Daviess county; and Emma J. and Rebecca A., both deceased. Politically Mr. Wright is in sympathy with the principles of the republican party and is a stanch believer in its platforms. He accepts the Bible as containing the revealed word and is a member of the Christian church, being a man of unimpeachable character, who is known as one of the progressive and successful citizens of Knox county.

Charles M. Wright was educated in the common schools and followed the occupation of farming continuously for many years with the exception of a period of four years, during which he was manager of a store. In 1905 he took charge of the bank at Edwardsport as cashier, S. T. De Moss, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, being president, and R. O. Beebe, vice president. In the banking business he has shown an aptitude which has produced very gratifying results and has won for him a creditable place in the financial circles of this part of the state. The bank with which he is identified is an important factor in the community and its success is in a very large degree due to the enterprise and ability of its manager, although the other gentlemen connected with the bank are also entitled to great credit for the ability they have displayed in the conduct of its affairs. In addition to his banking interest Mr. Wright is the owner of property in Edwardsport and of real-estate holdings elsewhere.

In 1890 our subject was united in marriage to Miss Kittie Perkins, of Edwardsport, and four children have been born to the union: Leone, Russell, Mildred and Milton. Mr. Wright, like his father, is an upholder of the republican party. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he now fills the offices of scribe and trustee, and also holds

membership in the encampment and the Modern Woodmen of America, being a leading officer of the local lodge of Woodmen. His religious views are indicated by connection with the Christian church, to which his wife also belongs. He is an earnest worker of the church and as deacon has assisted in establishing it as one of the prominent instrumentalities in the upbuilding of the community. Through industry and application he advanced until he reached a position where he has opportunity to assist greatly in the permanent development of the region with whose resources he is thoroughly acquainted. It is hardly necessary to say that he is doing everything in his power for its development.

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### GEORGE W. PHILLIPPE, JR.

A prosperous farmer and highly respected citizen, who has gained a large degree of success through well directed ambition, is George W. Phillippe, Jr., of Bicknell. He was born in Vigo township, this county, January 17, 1855, and is a son of Josiah and Maria (Streepy) Phillippe. The father was born in Wythe county, Virginia, but after growing up he decided that more favorable opportunities lay westward and he came to Knox county, where he made his home during the remainder of his life, being called away at the age of sixty-nine years, in 1900. His remains were deposited at Asberry Chapel. He was a man of very high character and unimpeachable standing in the community and was more than ordinarily successful in his business affairs. Politically he supported the democratic party and always showed great interest in advancing the cause both locally and nationally. He was a stanch member of the Methodist church and one of five leading citizens who contributed most liberally to its support in the region where he lived. The mother was born in Vigo township and lived there during her entire life. There were five children in the family, of which our subject was the eldest, the others being: Mary J., now the wife of Wesley Cleveland, of Bicknell, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Elizabeth, the wife of Frank P. Wampler, of Bicknell; Rebecca, now Mrs. Joseph Bickman, of Bicknell; and E. J., of Fort Cobb, Oklahoma.

The subject of this review was educated in the subscription school, where he received a good foundation in mental training, upon which he has built with a high degree of success. He early evinced an inclination for farming pursuits and has never regretted that he turned his energies in that direction. Until reaching the age of twenty-nine years he remained upon the home farm and then he began upon his own account, first buying eighty acres from his uncle, H. H. Streepy. As his means increased he added forty acres to his farm and now owns a beautiful place of one hundred and twenty acres, upon which he has expended more than five thousand dollars in improvements, making it one of the most valuable landed possessions in this

part of the country. He has followed general farming but specializes in fine chickens, of the buff Plymouth Rock variety; and has gained a wide reputation on account of the excellence of his stock. The business is carried forward under the title of Phillippe & Son and each year grows in volume and importance under the able management of men thoroughly qualified to carry it forward.

On November 9, 1883, Mr. Phillippe was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Enochs, a resident of Sullivan county, this state, and two children blessed the union: Margaret M., the wife of Province A. Abraham, of Sandborn; and James Elbert, who was born January 8, 1889, and is a graduate of the common schools. He is now assisting his father upon the farm and shows a proficiency which is highly pleasing to his parents.

Politically Mr. Phillippe is inclined to be independent, often voting for a candidate irrespective of the party he represents. At the same time our subject is inclined to favor the democracy, as he admires its advocacy of individual liberty. For twenty-two years past he has been a working member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as is shown by the fact that he has passed through all the chairs of the lodge and encampment. He also holds membership in the Royal Neighbors and Modern Woodmen of America, having filled all the chairs in the latter organization. He and his wife and daughter are members of the Rebekahs, the ladies' auxiliary of the Odd Fellows lodge.

Mr. Phillippe belongs to the class of men who generally accomplish what they set out to do. He has energy, perseverance and an abundance of ability—three traits that assure success to any person so fortunate as to possess them. Our object has many friends in Knox county and elsewhere, who recognize his good qualities and who will read with pleasure this record of a worthy citizen of one of the most progressive and thriving communities in the state.

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#### IRA V CORBIN.

Ira V. Corbin, cashier of the Sandborn Banking Company and for a number of years past recognized as an active factor in the business and financial interests of Knox county, was born in Jefferson township, Sullivan county, Indiana, December 25, 1862, a son of Moses and Emeline (Douthitt) Corbin. The father, who was also a native of Sullivan county and one of its successful farmers, departed this life in January, 1905, after a long and useful career, in the course of which he displayed many of those estimable characteristics that contribute to high character. He was a patriotic citizen, presenting himself for enlistment at the time of the Civil war in the cause of the Union but was rejected as he failed to qualify physically. Two of his brothers, however, donned the blue and served faithfully during the

Rebellion. The grandfather of our subject, Vincent W. Corbin, was a native of Kentucky and an early settler of Indiana. The mother was born in Sullivan county and was called to her final rest in 1888. There were five children in the family: William F., of Oklahoma; Ira V., our subject; Sarah the wife of John E. Keith, of Bicknell; Edward M., now a practicing physician of Sullivan, Indiana; and Charles M., deceased.

The subject of this review received his early education in the common schools and later pursued a commercial course in the Danville Business College. In 1887, being then twenty-five years of age and having gained some knowledge of commercial affairs, he, in connection with others, opened a general store at Sandborn in a room adjoining the building where the bank with which he is connected is located. For ten years he conducted the business successfully, at the end of which time he closed out his stock and began farming just across the county line in Greene county. He continued upon the farm for five years and then in 1903 organized the bank of which he is now cashier, a position which he has held ever since the institution was opened. In 1905 the bank was changed from a private to a state bank and the capital stock has been increased from ten thousand to twenty-five thousand dollars. George J. Singer is president and George R. Alsop, vice president, both well known men of this county. In 1906 the safe of the bank was blown open and four thousand dollars in money and seventy-five thousand dollars in notes were stolen. However, nothing was lost to the stockholders, as the depositors were fully protected by insurance and the bank was reimbursed for every dollar taken from the safe. The robbers were never apprehended. The prudence and foresight of the management of the bank in protecting its patrons was recognized by depositors and citizens and as a result the bank has become one of the prosperous and flourishing institutions of Knox county, now holding deposits of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars. While engaged in farming Mr. Corbin also dealt in live stock quite extensively and became one of the well known shippers from this region. For some years he has devoted his entire attention to financial matters and has acquired a deserved reputation as thoroughly conservative and capable in anything he undertakes. He is the owner of a well improved farm near Sandborn and of a beautiful town residence and five other houses and lots.

In 1891 Mr. Corbin was united in marriage to Miss Mollie Neggel and three children have been born of the union: Ira M., now bookkeeper in the bank; Evelyn E.; and John M. Politically Mr. Corbin's views are in accord with the platform of the republican party, he believing from his observation and experience in business affairs, that this party is best adapted to direct the affairs of the country. While he has not sought public office, he served with general acceptance as trustee of the township for two years and was a member of the first township board. Socially he is identified with the Masonic order and with the Tribe of Ben Hur, serving at the present time as treasurer of the latter organization. By years of steadfast integrity he has



gained recognition as a man whose character will stand the closest scrutiny. In business he is alert, energetic and clear-sighted and as a citizen he has made it the practice of his life to do everything in his power for the advancement of the permanent interests of the community. By his friends he is known as a true type of American citizenship.

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### JOHN R. MILLER.

John R. Miller, whose home is in Widner township, Knox county, is of stalwart Teutonic ancestry. He was born on a farm in Widner township, one and one-half miles north of his present location, April 13, 1864, and is a son of August J. and Wilhelmina (Wallerman) Miller, both of whom were natives of Hammerstein, Germany. August J. Miller came to America with his family in 1857, and after spending a year at Louisville, Kentucky, settled on a farm owned by Charles Harper, near Edwardsport, this county. Here he continued for one year, when he purchased forty acres from Mr. Charles Harper, which he carefully cultivated for seven years. Having accumulated sufficient means, he moved to a farm on section 4, Vigo township, and there he lived until his death, in December, 1891. He became one of the flourishing farmers of Knox county and was a man of excellent character and high reputation. The beloved mother was called to her reward in 1872. Six children brightened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Augusta, deceased in 1903; Samuel J., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Joseph, who died in 1908; John R., a farmer of Vigo township; Henry C., also of Vigo township; and Sarah J., who is married and lives in Washington township, Knox county.

John R. Miller was educated in the district schools of Vigo township and after laying aside his books devoted his attention to the home farm, assisting his father and also performing his part in administering to the comfort of the other members of the family. At twenty-seven years of age he began upon his own account, going upon the land which he now occupies. He is the owner of an attractive place of one hundred and twelve acres, which he has improved by his industry and good judgment and it is now one of the valuable farms of the township. Here he tills the soil according to approved modern methods and also raises live stock which he sends to the market in first class condition.

In 1894 Mr. Miller took unto himself a life companion, selecting as the lady of his choice Miss Minnie Holman, of Vincennes. They are the parents of an interesting family of six children: Ruth, Augusta, Christabel, Bertha, Wilma and Miriam.

Mr. Miller since arriving at manhood has been an adherent of the republican party. He is a sincere believer in the inspiration of the Bible and is a member of the Baptist church, assisting to the extent of his ability in



any cause in which the church is interested. In his estimable wife he has been greatly blessed, as she is not only a loving helpmate and useful companion, but a safe adviser. No couple stands higher in the estimation of the people of the neighborhood than the worthy subject of his review and his deserving wife.

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### SAMUEL T. DE MOSS.

Samuel T. De Moss, of Edwardsport, is one of the enterprising men of Knox county and his ability is not limited to one department of activity, for he appears to be equally successful in farming, merchandising or in the handling of finances. A native of Knox county, he has been for many years a witness of its wonderful development and has materially assisted as a public-spirited and progressive citizen in the growth of one of the most attractive and promising regions of the state. He comes of sturdy pioneer ancestry and was born in Vigo township, October 5, 1856. His parents were Isaac and Louisa (Reeves) De Moss, the former having been born in Fleming county, Kentucky, in 1833. His grandfather, William De Moss, came to Cicero, Hamilton county, Indiana, about 1830, but he only remained there for two years, as he apparently met with grave obstacles, for food and money were so scarce that he was obliged to pawn his Bible for corn meal. He returned to Kentucky but later with his family came to Indiana and located near High Rock, Daviess county, where he engaged in farming.

Isaac De Moss located at Edwardsport, Knox county, when he was about eighteen years of age and continued there during the remainder of his life except while in the Union army. He enlisted in Company C, Eightieth Indiana Regiment, and took part in some of the principal battles of the war, among which were Perryville, Franklin and Nashville. He was also with General Thomas in his southern campaign and at the close of his period of enlistment, which was for three years and during which he served as corporal of his company, he was honorably discharged. Previous to the war he was an adherent of the democratic party but after his return home he was a stanch republican. The mother of our subject was born in Reeve township, Daviess county, and was a member of one of the old families of that county, her father being Joseph Reeves, a well known pioneer. Her marriage occurred in Vigo township, in 1855, and she departed this life April 18, 1864, leaving two children: Samuel T.; and Marion, who died in 1866. The father was again married in 1867 to Miss Laura J. Johnson and two children were born to this union: William, who died in infancy; and J. F., a farmer now living at Edwardsport. The father was called away October 19, 1900.

Samuel T. De Moss received his education in the district schools and also at the schools of Edwardsport. On starting out in life for himself he commenced farming in Vigo township. He lived near Bruceville for a num-

ber of years, his time being devoted to agricultural pursuits, but in 1894 came to Edwardsport, where he has since remained. Here he entered the grocery business and later became the head of a general store, which he conducted with a high degree of success, engaging also in other enterprises. He is now president of the Edwardsport Bank and owns practically the entire stock. He is also identified with the milling business and owns forty-one out of fifty shares in the elevator just completed. For five years he was actively engaged in the lumber business but has practically suspended operations in that line. He is owner of a tract of four hundred acres of land in the White river bottom and is largely interested in real estate in Edwardsport, standing today among the important factors in the business life of Knox county.

On July 27, 1881, Mr. De Moss was united in marriage to Miss Sarah F. Winkler, a resident of Knox county. Five children have blessed this union: Flora, now Mrs. Robert Barr, of Edwardsport, and the mother of two children—Gilbert and Leone; Bessie, the wife of John Wolfe, of Freelandville, and the mother of two children—Pauline and Glen; and Samuel L., Alice and George W., all at home.

Mr. De Moss has always been found trustworthy and faithful in his dealings so that his life record is one to be proud of. No man in Knox county stands higher in the esteem of friends and acquaintances. Politically he is a supporter of the republican party, whose principles he heartily espouses. While not affiliated with any religious denomination, he is in sympathy with all efforts to advance the permanent welfare of his fellow-men and every good work finds in him a staunch supporter.

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#### ALBERT B. CHAMBERS.

Albert B. Chambers was a lifelong resident of Knox county and a man of much prominence in the community by reason of his sterling worth and public-spirited citizenship. He never sought to figure, however, in public life, content to concentrate his energies upon the business interests which claimed his attention. He was born in Widner township in the year 1827, at which time this section of the state was largely a frontier region, and therefore in his youthful days he met many of the hardships and experiences which are characteristic of pioneer life. He acquired his education in the early subscription schools of the county at a period before the public school system was well organized, and in early manhood he started out in life on his own account. He had many difficulties and obstacles to overcome but by perseverance and force of character he worked his way steadily upward. From his meager earnings in young manhood he saved up what he could and in time had accumulated a sufficient sum to enable him to purchase a tract of land. This he at once began to cultivate and improve and

as his crops were harvested he added to his capital and later bought more land. Thus investing from time to time, he eventually became the owner of two hundred and thirty acres which he held to the time of his death.

In the year 1852 Mr. Chambers was united in marriage to Miss Mary B. Williams, who was born in Wayne county, Indiana, in 1832, and was, therefore, about five years his junior. This marriage was blessed with two children but the elder daughter, Rosa Bell, is now deceased. The younger daughter, Emily Florence, became the wife of James Mumaw and they have three children, Alberta, Charles Ray and Goldie C.

Mr. Chambers was long a devoted and earnest Christian man. He joined the Maria Creek Baptist church of which he was a member for over half of a century, and all that time was an active worker, doing all in his power to promote the growth and extend the influence of the denomination. His many sterling traits of character gained him the unqualified confidence and regard of all who knew him. His life was characterized by a spirit of patriotism that prompted his stalwart support of all measures and movements which he deemed would prove of benefit to his home locality, his state and the nation. The honors and emoluments of office had no attraction for him and he was ever content that others should hold the public positions. He preferred to give his energies to his farm work and by reason of the careful management of his business affairs he at length came to be ranked with the representative farmers of the county. In all of his dealings he was strictly fair and honorable and he left to his family not only a comfortable competence but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. His widow still survives him and is now pleasantly located upon the home farm in Widener township where she has so long resided.

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#### ENOCH STEEN COX.

Enoch Steen Cox, of Bicknell, is of good pioneer stock, the early members of the family locating in Knox county, about ninety years ago, and contributing liberally of their strength and ability in the development of this part of the state. Our subject was born in Washington township, this county, April 28, 1856, and is a son of John T. and Naomi (Steen) Cox. The father was a native of Shelby county, Kentucky, where he was born in 1820. He came to this county with his parents in 1822, when the country was largely a wilderness, the family locating near Westphalia, but later moving to Washington township, where the father died. He was twice married, his first wife being Nancy Robinson, who became the mother of three children: John, ex-sheriff of Knox county, now living in Bicknell; Jonathan, of Vincennes; and Harmon. There were nine children born to the second marriage of John T. Cox, three of whom died in infancy. The other members of the family were: Enoch Steen, our subject; James, a farmer of

Washington township, this county; Richard, now living on the old home place; Logan, deceased; Naomi, the wife of Sam Kitts, of Widner township; and Caroline, at home.

Educated in the district schools, the subject of this review grew up upon the farm and early became acquainted with its various operations. He continued at home until forty years of age, when he took unto himself a wife, since which time he has been identified with farming interests and also has built up an excellent reputation as a horse breeder. In order to facilitate his business in the latter line he now lives on a place just outside of Bicknell and has a well earned reputation as a safe and reliable breeder of good stock.

In 1896 our subject was happily united in marriage to Miss Ella May Keith. One child, Naomi Robertine, has blessed the union. She was born October 2, 1897, and is now attending school. Mr. Cox is a valued member of the local lodge of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has held several offices. He and his wife are identified with the Order of the Eastern Star.

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#### WILLIAM C. BIERHAUS.

The business interests of Vincennes are ably represented by William C. Bierhaus, who for a score of years past has been actively identified with the wholesale grocery business, of this city. He was born in Knox county, December 30, 1863, a son of Edward Bierhaus, who was born in Eberfeld, Germany, and came to Knox county in 1848, being engaged for many years in the wholesale grocery business in Vincennes. The mother bore the maiden name of Louisa Schupman. There were eight children in the family; Charles, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Henry, who married Miss Lizzie Schroyer, of New Castle, Indiana; Frederick, who married Annie Pasche, of Knox County; Edward, Jr., who married Alice Danner, of Knox County; William C., of this review; John, who married Hannah Gibson, of Vincennes; Emma, now Mrs. Rudolph Giesler, of Chicago; and Anna, now Mrs. Edward Clark, of Vincennes.

William C. Bierhaus was educated in the public schools of this city and upon laying aside his books began assisting in his father's grocery establishment. After ten years' experience he became associated with his brother Edward in 1890 in the wholesale grocery business and eight years later sold a third interest in the concern to John W. Crook. The firm has continued ever since it was founded under the title of Bierhaus Brothers and makes a specialty of the Yale brand of goods, including canned goods, cigars, spices, coffees, etc., and is shipping extensively to points in Illinois and Indiana. The firm started upon a small scale at the corner of Second and Busseron streets with one traveling man. Later they removed to the location now occupied by John Bey and at the present time occupy their own building, which is built of brick and consists of five stories with basement, covering a quarter of a





W. C. BIERHAUS



BIERHAUS BROTHERS' WHOLESALE GROCERY





block at Perry and Second streets. There is a constantly growing demand for goods handled by this firm and the territory covered by its seven traveling men is steadily enlarging, indicating sound business management and a correct knowledge of the demands of the trade.

On January 31, 1888, Mr. Bierhaus was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Watkin, a native of Mount Carmel, Illinois, and a daughter of Thomas Watkin, who is a general merchant and handles groceries, hardware and harness. Three children have been born to them: Bonnie Belle; Thomas William, deceased; Karl Merlin.

Mr. Bierhaus is affiliated with the Methodist church and is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree being a Shriner. He also holds membership in the Order of Ben Hur, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum, the Travelers Protective Association, the United Commercial Travelers, the Indiana Commercial Travelers and the Pastime Club. By attention to his responsibilities and the exercise of sound judgment Mr. Bierhaus has attained deserved success in the business world. Living in a comfortable home, presided over by his excellent wife, who has been to him an invaluable companion for more than twenty years, Mr. Bierhaus has arrived at the age when he can in peace and prosperity enjoy the good things of life. Such are the results of well directed effort. His career has been an honorable one and he occupies a position among the useful and worthy citizens of Vincennes.

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#### RICHARD HENRY FOX, M. D.

Dr. Richard H. Fox, a highly successful practitioner of the healing art, whose home is at Freelandville, Widner township, was born November 7, 1868, in Washington township, a son of Adam and Susan Ann (Cullop) Fox. Adam Fox was born in Wythe county, Virginia, January 24, 1824, and came to Knox county at five years of age with his parents, Henry and Katherine (Snider) Fox, who located on a farm three miles east of Bruceville. The father of our subject was a cabinet-maker by trade and was a well informed man, having obtained a good education in his native state. He worked at his trade and also upon a farm and for a number of years was teacher of a subscription school, where he inducted the boys of the neighborhood into the various branches of learning. He was a man of good business ability and for many years served as justice of the peace in his township. He was called from earthly scenes May 12, 1903. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Cullop and a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Knox county. The marriage of Adam Fox and Susan Ann Cullop was consummated in 1857 and they were the parents of six children: Leila Ada; Joseph, who is married and is the father of two children; Emma, deceased; Richard Henry, of this review; Nora, who died in infancy; and William Washington.

Dr. Fox was educated in the schools at Bruceville and for a number of years assisted his father upon the farm in summer and taught school in the winter. In the meantime, however, he decided to follow a professional career and in January, 1896, entered the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D., June 28, 1898. Returning to Knox county, he began practice at Freelandville, where he has since continued with marked success, and has acquired an extensive patronage throughout his part of the county.

On September 6, 1899, Dr. Fox was united in marriage to Miss Nellie B. Simpson, of Bruceville, and two children have blessed their union, Maurice S. and Katherine. Dr. Fox has not been a seeker for public office but on November 3, 1908, he was elected county trustee of Knox county and has since served in that position, displaying a judgment which has met the hearty approval of the citizens. Socially he is identified with Lodge No. 326, I. O. O. F.; Lodge No. 7761, M. W. A.; and the Royal Neighbors. He owns his home and office property in Freelandville and by a public-spirited and progressive course in life has easily become one of the leaders in an intelligent community where true worth is recognized. A man of fine educational attainments, Dr. Fox has a well selected library of professional and literary works and his books are to him a constant source of inspiration and pleasure.

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### THEODORE WAMPLER.

Theodore Wampler, who is the owner of over three hundred acres of good Knox county land and is recognized as one of its substantial citizens, was born in Vigo township, this county, November 23, 1851. He is a son of Joseph and Amanda J. (Davison) Wampler. The father was born in Wythe county, Virginia, and came to Knox county at a very early day, locating at Fort Knox. Later he acquired land in Vigo township, where he continued until his death. He was one of the prominent men of the county and served for one term as county commissioner, being allied with the democratic party. The mother was also a native of Wythe county. She came to Knox county with her parents and here she was married. There were eight children in the family, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Polly, the widow of I. F. Boyer; George R., a farmer of Vigo township; James Mitchel, of Vincennes; Theodore, our subject; and David and Milton, both engaged in farming in Vigo township.

The subject of this review was educated in the common schools of Washington township and as he grew up he became thoroughly acquainted with the various details of general farming. He remained at home until twenty-six years of age and then began for himself by purchasing the farm on which he now lives. He owns altogether three hundred and seven

acres, which he has acquired entirely through his own efforts. The land has been brought to a high state of cultivation and the family dwelling is one of the handsomest in this vicinity. On December 20, 1883, Mr. Wampler was united in marriage to Miss Martha Ellen Seirp, and four children have blessed the union: Charles E., W. Cyrus, Joel R. and Noble E., all of whom are at home. Politically Mr. Wampler is in hearty sympathy with the democratic party, believing that its principles are most conducive to the permanent welfare of the state and nation. Socially he is a valued member of the Masonic fraternity and he and his wife both hold membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. They are also identified with the Methodist Episcopal church and by consistent and upright lives they have attracted many friends and are recognized as worthy members of an intelligent and progressive community.

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### JOHN P. GREGORY.

John P. Gregory, a popular and successful business man of Sanborn, was born near Hartford City, Blackford county, Indiana, March 1, 1872, his parents being Simon Peter and Martha (Bailey) Gregory. The father, a native presumably of Illinois, died when our subject was five years of age and little is known concerning his history. The grandfather on the maternal side was a native of New England. There were nine children in the family: William, deceased; Clarence and Clara, twins, the former now living in Kingman City, Kansas, and the latter deceased; Enola, the wife of Luther Joy, of Wichita, Kansas; Mollie, now Mrs. Charles F. Smith, of Little River, Kansas; Cassie M., the wife of Grant T. Orr, of Chicago; John P., our subject; Arabella, the wife of Alfred A. Lindsey, of Charleston, West Virginia; and Charles, deceased.

John P. Gregory was educated in the public schools of Sandborn and at the age of four years, in 1876, his mother having been called away, he went to live with his uncle, L. W. Bailey, now of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, continuing with him until 1895. He was reared to labor and had no time in which to sow wild oats. Therefore, when the period arrived for him to begin business on his own account, he bought a farm, which he cultivated energetically for a few years, engaging, however, in 1896, in the poultry business. After an experience of six months in the handling of poultry his attention was turned to mercantile lines and here he found an occupation in which he has since engaged with marked success. Beginning as clerk in a store, after an experience of five years he embarked in business for himself, associating with Ira V. Corbin and later with J. B. Burton. Since 1907 the title of the firm has been Gregory, Wood & Hundgate. They handle a large and well selected general stock of merchandise and this is regarded as one of the most progressive business concerns in

Sandborn. In addition to his mercantile interests Mr. Gregory is the owner of three hundred and thirteen acres of land in western Kansas and also of a beautiful residence and grounds in Sandborn. He is known as one of the wide-awake men of Knox county, possessed of clear judgment, striking personality and ability which would win in any business to which he should turn his attention.

In 1895 Mr. Gregory was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Cain, and four children have blessed this union: Clarence, now fourteen years of age; Mary Martha; John L.; and Dalpha Cain.

Mr. Gregory politically is allied with the democratic party, believing that its liberal principles are more conducive to the welfare of the nation than those of any other party. Socially he is connected with the Tribe of Ben Hur, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the encampment, and the Knights of Pythias, being a trustee in the latter organization. He is ardently in sympathy with the fraternal teachings of these orders and has made them active principles of his life. He and his wife are consistent members of the Christian church, our subject being a firm believer in the authority of Holy Writ, and an elder of the church. By a life of good-will to others he has merited and receives the esteem of his fellowmen, and no citizen of Knox county is more highly respected than the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

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#### ALFRED NEAL.

Alfred Neal, who owns a well improved farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Vigo township, comes of a family which has been identified with Knox county for many years. He was born in that township, April 3, 1848, and is a son of Emory and Elizabeth (Weaver) Neal. The father was born near Vincennes and spent his entire life in Knox county, where he gained an enviable reputation as a patriotic and public-spirited citizen. He was for many years actively interested in the church and educational work of his region and was called to his reward in 1876. The beloved mother was also a native of this county and departed this life in 1878. There were eight children in the family: Austin, Anna and John, deceased; Albert, now living at McLeansboro, Illinois; Carrie, the wife of Henry Haper, of Bicknell; Alfred, herein mentioned; Alexander, a farmer of Washington township, this county; and Noah, a resident of Bicknell.

The subject of this review was educated in the common schools and early became well acquainted with the various duties pertaining to the farm. He continued at home, assisting his parents until twenty-one years of age, and then began to make a place for himself in the world by buying a farm of one hundred acres in Vigo township. Later, after he had accumulated sufficient funds, he increased his landed holdings by fifty acres

and he now owns one of the valuable properties in this part of the county. He has made many improvements and cleared all the land except about twenty-five acres and has gained a fine reputation not only as a general farmer but as a handler of high grade stock, for which he receives the best prices that the market affords.

In 1871 Mr. Neal was united in marriage to Miss Mary Wampler, and two children have blessed the union, Flora May and Elizabeth Susanna, the wife of Hugh McKinley, who lives near Wheatland, Indiana. Mr. Neal is a firm believer in the authority of the Bible. Politically he gives his support to the democratic party and he has served with high credit in various public positions, filling the office of councilman for four years and also acting as road superintendent and school director. As a public officer he discharged his duties in such a way as to give great satisfaction to taxpayers of all parties. It has been a principle of his life to perform everything he undertakes to the best of his ability and thus he has gained the respect of all who know him and at the same time has attained a character for integrity and efficiency which is one of the most valuable acquisitions any human being can possess.

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### SUSAN (BROOKS) NIBLACK.

Among the honored residents of Wheatland, Knox county, is Susan (Brooks) Niblack, who for more than half a century has made her home in Wheatland. She is a daughter of Thomas Jefferson Brooks, who was born in Lexington, Massachusetts, December 29, 1805. He was educated in his native state and at the age of nineteen started out on his own account, coming to Orange county, Indiana, where he entered the distilling business and also operated a whetstone factory. After eight years in these lines he went to Martin county, Indiana, and became a general merchant, later coming to Knox county, and at Wheatland erected the first store of the town, in 1857. Mr. Brooks was a man of courage and good business attainments and inherited many worthy characteristics from an ancestry that extended far back in the history of America. His father and also an uncle fought in the Revolutionary war and served during the seven years of the conflict. Attorney General Hoar, of Massachusetts, was a cousin of Mr. Brooks, the father, Daniel Brooks, having married Bathsheba Hoar. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Susan Poore, was born December 15, 1811, and married August 5, 1830. She was a daughter of John and Hannah (Chute) Poore, pioneers of Indiana, who came from Massachusetts. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, three of whom are still living, the subject of this review being sixth in order of birth.

Susan Brooks grew to womanhood under the kindly influence of loving parents and on September 15, 1859, was united in marriage to Sandford

Lee Niblack, who was a native of Dubois county, Indiana, born March 21, 1836, a son of John and Martha (Hargrave) Niblack. His father was a native of Kentucky, born July 9, 1790, and his mother, who was born February 7, 1799, was a daughter of William and Sarah (Ellis) Hargrave, pioneers of Indiana, who removed from Virginia to North Carolina and later to Indiana. The father was for many years prominently identified with the farming interests of Dubois county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Niblack were the parents of eight children, Sanford Lee Niblack being seventh in order of birth. He received his education in the schools of Dubois county and later attended the schools of Martin county and the University of Vincennes, Indiana. He came to Knox county February 17, 1859, and engaged in the general merchandise business, continuing with unusual success until the time of his death, which occurred in 1908. He was for nearly fifty years actively connected with the development of Wheatland and Knox county and served for three terms as postmaster of Wheatland. He was township trustee for a number of years and was a staunch advocate of the republican party. Socially he was connected with the Masonic order and he had many warm friends in that organization as well as in Knox county.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Niblack: Emma, now Mrs. Hugh S. McMahon, of St. Louis; John H., of Wheatland; William E., also of Wheatland; Grace, who married Dr. J. W. Benham, and is now living at Columbus, Indiana; Earl Stimson, a physician of Terre Haute; Edith, deceased; Herman G., a resident of Vincennes; Susan, deceased; Helen, the wife of Curtis T. McClure, a farmer, of Knox county; and Persis, at home. Mrs. Niblack as the head of the household and as a friend and neighbor has gained an enduring place in the community where she has so long been known. Uniformly kind and considerate, and unswerving in her sense of duty, she years ago won the confidence of all with whom she came into contact and is recognized as a true type of American womanhood. While she has suffered in the death of those near and dear, it has not been without hope, for she is sustained by a trust founded on Divine promise, which we are told, "cannot fail."

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J. A. DE LAY.

Among the wide-awake and progressive citizens of Bicknell, Knox county, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He has resided in the county since his birth and in Bicknell for five years past, being known as a man of fine intellectual attainments and one of the substantial farmers of this region. He was born in Vigo township, one and one-half miles south of Sandborn, August 1, 1860. He is of French ancestry on the paternal side and is a son of Pinkney and Nancy (Maxwell) De Lay.

The father was born April 8, 1835, in Greene county, Indiana, and ever since arriving at manhood he has devoted his attention to farming and now lives in Sandborn. Our subject's grandfather, Alexander De Lay, was a native of Guilford county, North Carolina, where he was born February 17, 1801. He emigrated to Lawrence county, this state, in 1828, and became a resident of Greene county in 1832. The mother was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, in February, 1840, and her father came with his family to this state about 1844. The beloved mother was called to her reward in 1905, after a long life of usefulness. There were six children in the family: J. A., our subject; William, who was born January 16, 1862, and is now in the drug business at Palestine, Illinois; James, who was born August 22, 1867, and departed this life September 20, 1894, while studying for the ministry; Curtis, who was born October, 1869, and now operates a gristmill at Lyons, Greene county; Clyde L., who was born July 4, 1873, and is living on the old home place near Sandborn; and Maud, who was born December 3, 1877, and is the wife of Everett Jones, living with Pinkney De Lay.

The subject of this review was educated in the district schools and after arriving at eighteen years of age continued his studies further in the schools at Sandborn and for two terms at Bloomington, Indiana. He began his active career as a teacher and for eleven terms had charge of schools in Vigo and Widner townships. He then identified himself with the farming interests, conducting a farm in Widner township for a number of years, and then bought seventy-five acres in Vigo township, which he now owns. He is also the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Jackson county, Texas, and has so managed his business as to produce a goodly income upon his investments. Five years ago he built a handsome residence in Bicknell, where he has since lived, and he also owns four lots and two other houses and barns in the town.

On April 27, 1892, Mr. De Lay was happily united in marriage to Miss Anna J. Edmonds, a daughter of Rev. L. R. and Sarelda Edmonds, the former of whom was born in New Albany, Floyd county, Indiana. His father, John P. Edmonds, was a Methodist minister and also a teacher, as was his wife, the grandmother of Mrs. De Lay. Rev. L. R. Edmonds is a local preacher of the Methodist church and is well known and in high favor among the people of Sullivan county. Seven children came to brighten the household of Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds: Anna J., now Mrs. De Lay; Lizzie N., now the wife of Dr. Edwards, of Terre Haute, Indiana; Stella Logan, the wife of Wesley Enochs, of Sullivan county; Hattie Isabelle, of Terre Haute, now a widow; Pearl, the wife of Dr. Corbin, of Sullivan county; Carrie, the wife of Dr. W. F. Sheppard, of Bicknell; and William B., a lawyer of Terre Haute. Of the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds named above four became teachers and two daughters also taught music. The son taught school several terms previous to taking up the study of law. The wife of our subject was born in Greene county, February 16, 1861,



and after receiving her preliminary education in the country schools became a student of the State Normal School, from which she was graduated in 1889. She began teaching at seventeen years of age and continued in charge of schools in Greene and Sullivan counties for thirteen years, her last school being at Bloomfield. In this work she was highly successful and gained an enviable reputation wherever she was known. One child, Harriette Mae, born November 24, 1893, and now a senior in the high school, has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. De Lay.

Mr. De Lay is a staunch believer in the principles of the republican party as those best adapted to promote the prosperity of the country. Socially he is identified with the Tribe of Ben Hur and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife is a member of the Rebekahs and the Tribe of Ben Hur. The entire family are active members of the Methodist church and efficient workers in every cause that seeks to advance the permanent interest of those with whom they are associated.

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#### CHARLES F. BICKNELL.

A native of Vigo township, Charles F. Bicknell was born December 27, 1857. He has spent his entire life in this locality and represents the third generation of a family whose name is inseparably identified with Knox county. As a representative of the farming interests, Mr. Bicknell by his thrift and unimpeachable character is justly entitled to the high esteem accorded to those who try to do their duty not only to their associates but to the community where they live. He is the son of Josephus and Mary Jane (Hooper) Bicknell. The father was born in Vigo township and lived there all his life on the same tract of land, becoming a substantial citizen. He was a member of the Baptist church and a liberal contributor toward its support, and politically he was a faithful adherent of the republican party. He was one of a family of twelve children, four sons and eight daughters; all have now passed away, however, except Austin. David gave up his life for his country at the time of the Civil war. Grandfather Mumford was one of the old-time citizens of Knox county and the mother of our subject was also a native of this county and here spent her life, being called to her reward in 1872. There were six children in the family of Josephus and Mary Jane Bicknell: Charles F., our subject; Whit, a carpenter, of Bicknell; Lewis, of Vigo township; Fanny, the wife of Charles Wallace; Seward and Elmer, both deceased.

Charles F. Bicknell was educated in the common schools and remained on the home farm two years after laying his books aside. He then bought the place where he has lived for nearly thirty-five years, engaging in general farming with a measure of success that indicates sound judgment and a thorough knowledge of his business. He has made many valuable im-



provements, among which may be named a handsome and commodious residence, a large and well arranged barn and outbuildings, fences and other essentials to a modern farming establishment. His place comprises one hundred and twenty-three acres and there is no waste land in the tract. Among other interests with which he is identified is the Bicknell Building & Loan Association, of which he is a stockholder.

In 1886 Mr. Bicknell was happily united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Teague, a resident of Bicknell, and six children have blessed the union, two of whom died in infancy. Chester and Maud are also deceased and Ara and Richard are at home.

Mr. Bicknell is a supporter of the republican party and although he has not sought political honors, he served with general acceptance as road commissioner. He and his wife are both members of the Baptist church, in which he has held office, his wife being at the present time clerk of the local branch of the church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bicknell are active and intelligent workers in the promotion of the best interests of the region with which they have been for many years prominently connected.

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#### ROBERT R. REEVE.

For twenty years identified with the business interests of Edwardsport, Robert R. Reeve is recognized as one of the progressive men of Knox county whose word is as good as his bond. He was born in Edwardsport, February 4, 1869, and is a son of David I. and Harriet C. (Lemen) Reeve. The father was a native of Daviess county, Indiana, and came to Knox county in his boyhood, living in Edwardsport until his death, which occurred in 1888, with the exception of three years which he spent in Indianapolis. He was a mechanic and followed wagon making and painting. The grandfather on the paternal side was a native of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent. The mother was born in Bruceville, Knox county, and there she departed this life in 1908. Eight children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Reeve: Charles H., a painter, of Edwardsport; J. L., a practicing physician of Edwardsport; Mary E., the wife of Joseph Ferry, of Linton, Indiana; Martha B., deceased; Samuel M., a hardware merchant of Edwardsport; George E., chief of the fire department of Washington, Indiana; Robert R., our subject; and Lillie M., the wife of Herman Miller, a farmer, living near Bicknell, Indiana.

The subject of this review was educated in the public schools of Edwardsport and after laying aside his books became connected with a harness-making establishment with which he continued for five years. He then entered a general store as clerk and after an experience of eight months became identified with the drug business under Jacob Scudder. In this line he has since continued with gratifying success, also handling

fire and life insurance and real estate. He was the organizer of the Edwardsport Bank and for fifteen months acted as its cashier, showing an ability that met the hearty approval of directors and depositors. He has also acted as trustee in the settlement of several large estates.

Politically Mr. Reeve is an upholder of the principles of the democratic party, although he has never sought for political honors. Socially he is a valued member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the encampment and has filled all of the chairs in the latter organization. He also holds membership in the Rebekahs and is scribe of the local lodge of the Tribe of Ben Hur. He devotes his attention closely to his business affairs, using a discernment that has enabled him to receive liberal returns upon his investment. It will be readily understood that he has many friends in Knox county, whom he has attracted by his genial qualities of mind and heart, which are so important in forming character and in making life a success.

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### MILTON WAMPLER.

Milton Wampler, a native of Vigo township, Knox county, was born March 31, 1857, and is a successful farmer, who by wise application of industry and perseverance has gained high standing in this county. He is a son of Joel and Amanda J. (Davison) Wampler, both natives of Wythe county, Virginia. The father came to Indiana and settled at Fort Knox, in Knox county, later coming to Vigo township. He was a highly successful farmer and was well known in the county, serving as county commissioner for one term. Politically he was an adherent of the democratic party. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wampler, two of whom died in infancy, but the other members of the family are Mary A., now the widow of I. F. Byers; George R., a farmer of Vigo township; James Mitchel, of Vincennes; Theodore, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and David and Milton, both farmers of Vigo township.

Educated in the district schools, Milton Wampler grew up as a farmer boy under the kindly protection of a genial home. He early showed an inclination toward agricultural pursuits, but before settling down in this county he went west, where he spent two years and gained a great deal of valuable information by contact with strangers. Returning home, he began farming upon his own account and acquired ownership of one hundred and ten acres of good land, upon which he has made many improvements and cleared twenty-five acres, which was formerly occupied by a forest. He is recognized by his neighbors as one of the thoroughly equipped and up-to-date men of the township, who generally accomplishes anything that he undertakes.

In 1881 Mr. Wampler was united in marriage to Miss Malissa Phillippe, a daughter of M. J. Phillippe. Ten children have blessed this union:

Myrtle, the wife of Edward Blackwell, of Bicknell; Winfield, a farmer of Vigo township; Fletcher, of Bicknell; Stanley, also of Bicknell; Arley, deceased; Effie, Goldie and Ralph, all at home; Armeda, deceased; and Walter, at home.

Mr. Wampler is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and socially is connected with the Masonic lodge at Bicknell. Politically he is allied with the democratic party. He has never sought for official honors, as his attention has been devoted to his farm and to a large family, whose training and education have required his best thoughts. Faithfully has he discharged his various duties and no man stands higher in the estimation of thinking people of the community than the worthy gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch.

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J. L. ROBINSON, M. D.

There is probably no more popular citizen in Wheatland, than the one whose name stands at the head of this review. A native of Knox county, he has here spent nearly his entire life and in countless ways has proven his interest in the community with which he has been long and closely identified. He was born September 8, 1854, and is a son of Richard and Frances (Stevenson) Robinson, the former of whom was born in Knox county October 16, 1824, and departed this life at the age of sixty-four years, February 13, 1888. The father was educated in the subscription schools of this county and became one of its most successful farmers, being the owner at the time of his death of fourteen hundred acres of land. He was a man of unusually good judgment in business affairs and while he did not seek public office he served in a number of minor positions in his township. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a stanch supporter of the Scotch Presbyterian church. Mrs. Robinson was a native of this county, a daughter of John and Sarah Stevenson, who came from County Tyrone, Ireland, and located in Knox county, where Mr. Stevenson attained an honorable standing as a citizen and as an agriculturist.

Dr. Robinson received his preliminary education in the subscription schools and later attended the State Normal School and Cecilian College, at Cecilian, Kentucky. Having prepared for the medical profession, he began practice at Wheatland in 1885 and has since continued uninterruptedly, gaining the recognition of the people in an uncommon degree. Dr. Robinson is a studious and painstaking practitioner and has suffered nothing to distract his attention from a profession to which he has devoted the best energies of his life. Besides being one of the oldest practicing physicians in this part of the county, he is known as one of the most skillful and successful. He is the owner of a farm of forty-five acres in this county and of his home and office in Wheatland. He is also a stockholder and director of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Wheatland.

In 1895 Dr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Alice J. McGarrah, a daughter of James H. McGarrah, of Gibson county, and one child has blessed this union, Lois Elizabeth, now living at home.

The Doctor accepts the principles of the democratic party as those best adapted to the perpetuity of a free government. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church and socially is identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of the blue lodge, chapter and commandery at Vincennes, and of Murat Temple, N. M. S., at Indianapolis. He also holds membership in the Order of Ben Hur and the Royal Arcanum. The home of Dr. and Mrs. Robinson is one of the favorite gathering places for friends and acquaintances and here they are always assured of generous hospitality. The Doctor is a man of extensive reading, a fine conversationalist and a friend to every worthy movement for upbuilding the community. He is justly esteemed as a leader not only in Wheatland but throughout a wide section of Knox county.

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#### LEWELLEN BYRON STALEY, M. D.

Dr. Lewellen Byron Staley, a leading practitioner of Knox county, whose home for thirty years past has been at Bicknell, was born in Paris, Edgar county, Illinois, December 8, 1844, and is a son of Emanuel and Caroline (Norton) Staley. The father was born in Wythe county, Virginia. He lived for a short time in Ohio and when about fifteen years of age came to Illinois where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1894. He was a successful farmer. Politically he was allied with the democratic party until the time of Buchanan's administration when he became a stanch republican. He was a member of the old know nothing party and a great lover of his country. Grandfather Jacob Staley was of German parentage and participated as a soldier in the war of 1812. The mother of our subject was a native of Ohio. She came to Illinois with her parents and was married in this state, being called away in 1896. There were ten children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Staley: Sarah, deceased; Oliver, a farmer of Edgar county; Aaron, also a farmer of Edgar county; Lewellen Byron, our subject; Manuel, a farmer of Edgar county; Susan, the wife of Dr. T. H. Brown, of Sandford, Indiana; Mary, the wife of Caleb St. Claire, a machinist, of Terre Haute, Indiana; Florence, of Terre Haute; Laura, the wife of Edward Amroe, a machinist, of Terre Haute; and William, deceased at the age of sixteen months.

Dr. Staley attended the district schools and grew up on the home farm under the kindly influences of a loving father and mother. At eighteen years of age, in June, 1862, the Civil war then attracting the attention of the entire country, he enlisted for a period of three years. He was a bright young soldier and several times was offered opportunities of advancement,

but he refused them all, preferring to carry a gun. He participated in many of the important battles of the war, receiving a wound in the forearm at the battle of Chickamauga and a wound in the leg while engaged in the battle of Franklin, Tennessee. From both of these injuries he fully recovered. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Chickamauga and conveyed with his comrades to Belle Isle, where they were confined for four and one-half months, being then removed to Libby Prison, where he was incarcerated for an equal length of time. After his release he rejoined his regiment, continuing in the service until he was honorably discharged. During the war he participated in twenty-seven battles and at all times performed his duty in behalf of the cause in which he was profoundly interested. After his return home, having decided upon a professional career, he attended Westfield Seminary and later he took a course of lectures at the School of Physicians and Surgeons at Indianapolis and attended the Cincinnati School of Medicine and Surgery, at Cincinnati. In 1890, 1891 and 1893 he pursued post graduate studies in Chicago. He received his M. D. degree from the Cincinnati College of Medicine & Surgery in 1881, but practiced for seven years while an undergraduate at Pleasantville, Indiana, coming to Bicknell about 1882, where he has ever since actively engaged in the duties of his profession. He has specialized in gynecology and has made a record of over six thousand births which he has attended. In his special line of work he is regarded as an authority by his brethren of Knox county and his practice extends over a large territory in western Indiana where he is known as one of its most reliable physicians, being now the senior member of the firm of Drs. Staley, Reese & Staley. Financially he has been highly successful and is the owner of sixteen houses and lots in Bicknell.

In 1867 Dr. Staley was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Hicklin and three children resulted from the union: Mary, deceased; and Dora and Nora, twins, the former the widow of David Qualls, of Terre Haute, and the latter the wife of Edward Calendar, a railway express messenger of Indianapolis. Mrs. Staley having departed this life in 1880, the subject of this review was married in 1881 to Mrs. Martha Robertson, the widow of Thomas Robertson and the mother of one son, Thomas. This son studied medicine and was the second member of the firm of Drs. Staley & Staley from 1903 to 1910, at which time Dr. Reese was taken in as third member the firm name being changed to Staley, Reese & Staley. By his second marriage Dr. Staley became the father of a daughter, Anna May, the wife of Dr. Forrest Reese, junior member of the firm.

Dr. Staley served as special pension examiner for the United States government and is president of the county board. He was formerly a member of the Sullivan County Medical Society and now holds membership in the State Medical Society, the White River Valley Medical Society, the Knox County Medical Society and the Bicknell Medical Society. He served for a number of years as president of the Knox County Medical

Society and is now senior censor of that organization. He was also for several years president of the Bicknell Medical Society and has many warm friends among his professional brethren. Socially he is one of the most popular men in this part of the state, always willing to assist in forwarding any enterprise that tends toward the betterment of the community. He holds membership in the A. F. & A. M., being connected with the blue lodge and chapter, and is also identified with the Tribe of Ben Hur, of Bicknell. He has passed through the chairs in most of these organizations and for twenty years was an active worker of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows but was obliged to give up this order on account of the pressure of professional duties.

Energetic, prompt and reliable in everything he undertakes, Dr. Staley has attained a deserved success in his profession and also as a business man. Some men are born with one talent, but the subject of this review has in an eminent degree succeeded in everything to which he has devoted his attention, being the possessor of innate abilities that have proven superior to all ordinary obstacles. He clearly belongs to that class of men whom to know is to esteem and honor.

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#### FRED WAGNER.

Fred Wagner, now living partly retired at Westphalia, Knox county, and recognized as one of its staunch and reliable citizens, was born in Vigo township, this county, September 16, 1853. He is the son of Antoine and Mary Wagner. The father was a native of Germany and when he attained years of manhood, being of an ambitious and progressive mind, he decided that he would seek his fortune under the favoring auspices of the stars and stripes. He accordingly came to America and selected Knox county as his home, beginning as a farmer, but later entering the general mercantile business in which he was engaged successfully for twenty years. The mother was also a native of Germany. She was a woman of many estimable qualities of mind and heart and departed this life in 1868. There were six children in the family, of whom the subject of this review was the eldest, and one of whom died in infancy. John, William and Mary are deceased and Lottie is now living in Westphalia.

The subject of this review was educated in the common schools of Westphalia, where he studied both the German and English languages and received a very good training for business life. He began his active career in the grain business and later also became a dealer in live stock, continuing with marked success in both lines for thirty years. He gained an established reputation as a man of reliability and clear judgment and those with whom he dealt have always been among his best friends. He is now practically retired and is the owner of a farm of eighty acres, a comfortable

home in Westphalia, twelve town lots and also of mill property here. His wife owns eighty acres of good farming land in this county.

In March, 1886, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Renner and three children, Nellie, Mary and Adam, have blessed the union, all of whom are living at home. Politically Mr. Wagner is identified with the democratic party and although he has never sought public office, he served with great acceptance to the people as road boss for fifteen years. He is a valued member of the German Lutheran church and the success which he has attained in life he owes mainly to his own undaunted perseverance and laudable ambition. He has found in his wife a congenial and loving companion whose advice has assisted him in times of emergency. They are now resting from the burdens of life in a pleasant home, surrounded by their children and possessing all the comforts that may be desired. Such are the rewards of well directed industry.

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#### LAWRENCE ROEDER.

Lawrence Roeder, a leading business man of Sandborn, and well known in Knox county, comes of staunch Teutonic ancestry. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 4, 1869, and is a son of John and Margaretha (Sommer) Roeder. The father served for ten years with high credit in the German army, participating in the war with Austria, in 1866, and in the Franco-German war in 1870-1871. He became a lieutenant and also acted as bugler in the war with France. On account of distinguished services in behalf of his country, he was awarded the medal of the iron cross—an honor very highly esteemed by the valiant soldiers of Germany. After retiring from active military service, John Roeder became an officer of the government and was identified with the postoffice department for a number of years. He was called away January 2, 1906. There were ten children born to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Roeder, only two of whom are now living: Lawrence, our subject; and Carl, a barber, of Baltimore, Maryland.

Educated in the public schools of his native land, the subject of this review early gained a thorough training in the principles which are so important as a foundation for further intellectual advancement in after life. The habits of reading and study which he acquired as a boy have been carefully cultivated and he is today a man of unusual literary ability. He also possessed in his youth a laudable desire to make the best of his opportunities and at fourteen years of age he bade farewell to familiar faces and scenes and started for America, landing in Baltimore, October 17, 1883. Traveling westward, he stopped at Indianapolis, where he remained for eleven years working at the tailor's trade. In 1894, still seeking to improve his financial condition, he came to Sandborn where he worked for six

months under H. L. Renner. Having looked over the field and decided to cast his fortunes permanently with this community, he bought out the business of Wiley McGinnis, the firm name becoming Begeman & Roeder. After seven years, having in the meantime prospered handsomely, he purchased the general merchandise stock of William Van Meter, the firm becoming Roeder & Ledgerwood. Two years later Mr. Ledgerwood retired and Mr. Roeder took into partnership Peter Hill, the title of the firm becoming Roeder & Company, which still continues. The company owns a handsome store building twenty-two by eighty-eight feet in foundation area, with two rooms, and thoroughly adapted to meet the requirements of an increasing patronage. Mr. Roeder is now at the head of the largest merchandise business in Sandborn, the receipts of which now range from forty to fifty thousand dollars per year. It is evident that many of the fondest dreams of the German boy who landed under the stars and stripes to seek his fortune among strangers have been realized.

On the 15th of October, 1893, Mr. Roeder was united in marriage to Miss Clara M. Begeman, a daughter of August A. Begeman, a prominent farmer of Vigo township, this county. One child has blessed the home, Ruby R., now a student in the sophomore class of the high school. Mr. Roeder and his family are identified with the Methodist church in which they are active workers, and he is a member of the Tribe of Ben Hur, with which his wife is also connected. He holds membership in the blue lodge and chapter of the Masonic fraternity, the former of Sandborn and the latter of Bicknell. The esteem in which he is held by his brethren is indicated by the fact that he has passed through all the chairs of the blue lodge, and it may also be stated that for sixteen years past he has filled the office of scribe in the local Ben Hur lodge, is secretary of the Knights of the Macabees and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Roeder has always taken a vital interest in educational affairs and is at present serving as president of the school board. In all the relations of life he has shown an ability and fidelity that have won him the confidence and respect of the entire community.

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#### REV. MEINRAD FLEISCHMANN.

Possessing the sterling qualities of a race ever noted for fearlessness and loyalty, Meinrad Fleischmann, a native of Lachen, Switzerland, elected to devote his life to the priesthood and since his ordination on the 21st of June, 1867, has labored earnestly, conscientiously and effectively for the upbuilding of the cause in which he so firmly believes. In 1897 he received appointment to St. John's church in Vincennes.

He was born on the 10th of June, 1844, a son of Jacob Henry and Marianne Fleischmann. In 1847 his father came to the United States with the





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family, who settled first at Louisville, Kentucky, but afterward removed to Spencer county, Indiana. He died in March, 1877, at Brookville, Franklin county, and his wife passed away in September, 1876, the remains of both being interred in Brookville.

Father Fleischmann, of this review, pursued his preparation for the priesthood at St. Meinrad's College in Spencer county and took holy orders on the 21st of June, 1867, at St. Meinrad's, the ordination services being conducted by Bishop De Saint Palais. For a short time he was assistant priest at New Albany, Indiana, and on the 8th of December, 1868, was appointed to the pastorate of St. Michael's church of Brookville, Indiana. His brother Joseph, who died in Vincennes on the 6th of April, 1910, was his assistant in Brookville from 1874 until 1885.

Rev. Meinrad Fleischmann received appointment to St. John's church in Vincennes in 1897 and has since occupied that position in which he has been very active in promoting the work of the church in many departments, has made various improvements and has interested himself not only in the affairs of the parish but in affairs of general importance relative to the upbuilding and progress of the city. He is a cultured gentleman, popular with all creeds and particularly beloved by his own people.

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### SAMUEL T. REEVE.

Samuel T. Reeve, an esteemed citizen of Edwardsport, was born near Brownstown, Jackson county, Indiana, November 13, 1831, and has now passed the seventy-ninth milestone of his life. He is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Ireland) Reeve. The grandfather, also named Joseph Reeve, was of Welsh extraction. He was a sea captain and was waylaid and killed for his money within a short distance of his home in Philadelphia while returning from a voyage. The robbers left Captain Reeve's compass which was handed down in the family for many years as a precious heirloom. After the death of her husband Grandmother Reeve came to Ohio and later to Jackson county, Indiana. The father of our subject was born in Philadelphia in 1808. He was a farmer and lived in Ohio and at various points in Indiana, finally settling at Edwardsport in 1865, where he continued until his death, which occurred January 31, 1887. Politically he was a supporter of the democratic party until the war, but from that time he was an ardent republican and was always proud of the fact that he voted for General Grant for president of the United States. He was a firm believer in the Bible and for many years was an active worker in the Missionary Baptist church. The mother of our subject was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1810, and died February 3, 1863. There were eleven children in the family, six of whom grew to maturity: Samuel T., our subject; David, Louisa, Elizabeth, Sarah and Lydia, all of whom are deceased. Joseph Reeve, the father,

was a second time married, the lady of his choice being Miss Elizabeth Ireland, and of this union one child was born, Florence, the wife of Alexander Boyer, of Edwardsport.

Educated in the public schools, Samuel T. Reeve early became connected with farming interests and continued in this work without interruption until July 15, 1862, when he enlisted in Company C. Eightieth Indiana Regiment, to fight for the Union. He participated in the battles of Perryville, Resaca, Atlanta, Franklin and Nashville, and in many minor engagements of the Army of the West, performing his duties in such a way as to meet the warmest approval of the officers of his company. In September, 1863, he was commissioned duty sergeant and later was made orderly sergeant. During the Atlanta campaign, the weather being extremely hot, he suffered from sunstroke, and his health has ever since been affected by this cause. On June 6, 1865, he was honorably discharged at Camp Dennison, Ohio, and, returning home, he began farming, but on account of his affliction he was obliged to give up that occupation and, settling in Edwardsport, he began business in March, 1867, as a cabinet-maker and undertaker with Ewald Villwock and in 1877 he became sole proprietor of the establishment in which he has ever since continued, being now one of the oldest business men in Knox county. He handles a large and select stock of furniture and house fixtures and has attained deserved success in his calling.

On the 29th day of October, 1854, Mr. Reeve was united in marriage to Miss Hulda Hargis, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Hargis, of Edwardsport. Three children were born of this union: William S., now in the rug machine business at Indianapolis; Effie H., the wife of Charles Sensabaugh, of Bartow, Florida; and Joseph L., deceased. Mrs. Reeve having departed this life June 4, 1877, our subject was again married February 29, 1879, to Miss Anna Worth Johnson, a daughter of Jacob and Matilda Johnson. She was born in Illinois in December, 1848. Nine children have come to brighten the household of Mr. and Mrs. Reeve: Isaac and Alberta, deceased; Hulda, the wife of Charles Cochran, who is associated in business with the subject of this review; Louisa, the wife of Albert Mabes, who is in the hardware business at Edwardsport; Birdie, the wife of Ernest Killion, a banker, of Plainville, Indiana; Samuel T., Jr., of Edwardsport; David F., also of Edwardsport; Glenn and Maude R., at home.

Mr. Reeve and his family make their home in one of the most commodious residences in Edwardsport. He also owns sixteen lots in the town and fifteen acres adjoining and is the owner of the building in which his business is carried on. He is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic and also of the Baptist Missionary church, to which the entire family belongs. His sons hold membership in the Masonic order and his daughters and Mrs. Reeve are members of the order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Reeve has never sought public office, but he served for eight years as trustee of the township, declining at the end of that time to accept the position any longer. He has all his life been active and energetic and has at-

tained the success in his business affairs to which he is entitled on account of the excellent judgment herein displayed. No less successful has he been as the head of a large family and he possesses in an eminent degree the love of his children and the respect of all with whom he is associated.

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### CHARLES A. PHILLIPPE.

The name Phillippe is well known in Knox county and no member of the family has attracted in a higher degree the respect of his fellowmen than Charles A. Phillippe, an active business man of Bicknell. He was born near Bicknell, on the 29th of January, 1871, and is a son of John and Catherine (Thompson) Phillippe. The father is also a native of Knox county and a son of Peter and Mary (Fox) Phillippe, the former of whom was born in Wythe county, Virginia. John Phillippe is now living retired near Bicknell, the faithful wife and mother having been called to her reward in 1897. There were six children in the family: Adam, now living on a farm near Vincennes; Charles A., our subject; Edgar, in the furniture and undertaking business at Bicknell; Maude, the wife of Dal Vaught, living on the home place; Robert, a farmer of Knox county; and James C., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Charles A. Phillippe received his early education in the public schools, later attending the State Normal School and the old university at Vincennes. He also spent two years at the Indiana university in Bloomington. He taught school for seven years, being superintendent of the Bicknell schools for three years, but ten years ago retired from that vocation and entered the grain business at Bicknell, now owning a mammoth elevator and auxiliary buildings in central Bicknell, surrounded by four lots. He has attained great success in his business and is one of the most extensive grain dealers in Knox county. He is also identified with the farming interests and is one-half owner in two hundred and twenty-five acres of land near Bicknell and the sole owner of fifty acres adjoining the corporation. He has assisted greatly in promoting the growth of the town, laying out the Ball Park addition, and is the owner of half interest in fifty lots in that tract.

In 1907 Mr. Phillippe was united in marriage to Miss Frances Adelia Scudder, who is a daughter of Jacob Scudder, of Edwardsport, this county, and is one of the estimable ladies of Bicknell, always assisting to the extent of her ability in forwarding every worthy movement. Mr. Phillippe is a member of the Methodist church, while his wife is affiliated with the Christian church, and they are both liberal contributors to religious work. Politically Mr. Phillippe is in sympathy with the democratic party and fraternally he is identified with the blue lodge, chapter and commandery of the Masonic order. He is now serving as high priest of the chapter at

Bicknell. He is recognized as a man of keen foresight and good judgment—a man who has a large measure of business sagacity and perseverance—two elements that contribute greatly to business success. The honorable position which he has attained is due to his own efforts and, therefore, he may truly be called a self-made man.

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#### AUGUST A. BEGEMAN.

August A. Begeman, now living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest after many years of earnest and successful labor, is of Teutonic ancestry and was born in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, March 29, 1836. He is a son of Herman H. and Louisa (Freitag) Begeman. The father of our subject held a government position in Germany and was identified with the farming interests. He came to this country in 1848, seeking more favorable conditions for his children, and located in this county just across the valley from the home of our subject in Vigo township. Here he lived until his death, which occurred in 1852. The mother was called away in September, 1863. Of their children all are deceased except the subject of this review, their names being William, Henry, Herman, John C., Carl, August A., Ernest, Louisa, Sophia and Helen.

August A. Begeman crossed the ocean in an old sailing vessel, which required eight weeks and three days for the voyage, now accomplished in five or six days. He was then in his boyhood and many of the scenes of this eventful trip made an impression which has remained vividly through life. Landing at New Orleans, the travelers came by water to Evansville, this part of the journey requiring seven days. Although a mere lad, our subject began to work in earnest immediately after arriving at his new home and he had very limited advantages of education, attending the district school only three months. However, he applied himself industriously during evenings at home and learned to read and write in both the English and German languages. Through life he has been a close student and observer and he is known as a well read man. He began for himself as a farmer by purchasing forty acres of swamp land and during the first winter he made six thousand rails, which he sold at fifty cents per hundred, turning out a like amount during the winter following, so that he eventually was able to pay for the land. In the course of years he accumulated about three hundred acres and cleared off three different farms. He sold a goodly portion of his land and is now the owner of ninety acres, upon which there stands a comfortable dwelling and other modern improvements. He also owns real estate in Sandborn, and two or three business buildings, and is a stockholder in the Sandborn Bank, of which he was a charter member. When the railroad was being built through this region he was made foreman of thirty-seven men and also was appointed to re-

ceive timber for the road and make out pay rolls, being virtually in charge of the construction of the line between Sandborn and Westphalia. At one time he was appointed by the county commissioners to replat Vigo township, the taxpayers having got the plat mixed up. He succeeded in straightening out the tangle to the satisfaction of everybody concerned and in business affairs generally has always shown an ability that reflected upon him the highest credit.

Mr. Begeman has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Anna Sedlemeier. One child was born to this union, Clara S., now the wife of Lawrence Roeder, of Sandborn, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Begeman having been called away in 1874, our subject was again married in 1894 to Miss Alice Carroll, who has proved to him a faithful and loving companion. Politically Mr. Begeman affiliates with the democratic party, whose principles he heartily endorses. Although he has not been a seeker for public office, he has filled the positions of assessor of Vigo township and deputy sheriff of Knox county with great acceptance to the people. Socially he holds membership in Sandborn lodge, I. O. O. F., and in the encampment, having passed through the chairs of this organization. In all the relations of life, public and private, he has shown an integrity and trustworthiness that have justly placed him among the honored citizens of Knox county.

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#### A. L. BROCKSMITH.

A. L. Brocksmith is one of Bicknell's most influential and prosperous citizens. His birth occurred near Freelandville, Knox county, Indiana, on the 5th of November, 1859, his parents being Henry and Henrietta (Dreiman) Brocksmith. A sketch of the father appears on another page of this work. A. L. Brocksmith attended both the German and English schools in his youthful years and subsequently spent four years in travel, covering about a thousand miles a year. He then settled in Freelandville and was engaged in the saloon business for three and a half years, on the expiration of which period he traded his establishment for a farm in the southern part of Knox county.

Two years later he came to Bicknell and here embarked in general merchandising, successfully conducting a store of that character for thirteen years. At the end of that time he took over the management of the Linn Coal Company, having a controlling interest therein. Five years ago he organized the Bicknell Light & Power Company, lighting the streets two years before the town was incorporated. He was also one of the organizers of the Bicknell Building & Loan Association and one of its directors. He is an extensive real-estate owner, having a number of lots and buildings in Bicknell as well as property holdings elsewhere. He not only became

manager of the Linn Coal Company but was the man who developed the mine nine years ago. It has a capacity of from five to six hundred tons per day and from ninety to one hundred men are employed in its operation. Mr. Brocksmith again manifested his progressive spirit by installing the first direct connected dynamo for cutting coal in the state. He well merits the proud American title of a self-made man, for his present prosperity is attributable entirely to his own efforts, splendid executive ability, untiring perseverance and pluck.

In 1887 Mr. Brocksmith was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Robbins, by whom he has six children, as follows: Eva, the wife of Clarence Wampler; Chester, Rachel, Steen, Robert and Charles, all at home.

In politics Mr. Brocksmith is an independent democrat, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Christian church. He possesses many of the strong characteristics of his Teutonic ancestry, especially that spirit of determination which enables him to unflinchingly pursue a course that he has marked out until it reaches its culmination in success. Knox county has always been his home and he has many friends within its borders.

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#### CHARLES W. COCHRAN.

Charles W. Cochran is one of the younger business men of Edwardsport, who has attained an honorable place in the estimation of the community. He was born at Freelandville, Knox county, October 7, 1880, and is a son of Michael R. and Eliza Jane (Winkler) Cochran. The father was born in Indiana and has devoted his entire life to farming. The mother is a native of Knox county. There were two children in the family: Charles W.; and George N., who is a harness maker of Sandborn, Indiana.

The subject of this review was educated at Freelandville and also at the State Normal College of Terre Haute, Indiana, spending three terms in the preparation for teaching. After leaving the college he taught for three years in the common schools and at twenty-two years of age, having decided to change his occupation, he became identified with harness making, the furniture business and embalming. In the meantime he had taken unto himself a wife and they both attended the Cincinnati School of Embalming and both hold state licenses as embalmers, their services often being called for throughout a wide region surrounding Edwardsport.

On the 10th of April, 1902, Mr. Cochran was united in marriage to Miss Hulda R. Reeve, and to this union one child, Ruth, was born May 16, 1904. Politically Mr. Cochran is in sympathy with the principles and candidates of the republican party. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order and now holds the office of junior warden in the local lodge. He



is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the encampment, and he and his wife are connected with the Order of the Eastern Star, of which he is worthy patron, and the Rebekahs. Mr. Cochran has been largely blessed in his marriage, as his wife is a woman of excellent judgment and has been of the greatest assistance to him in all the interests in which he is associated. They have many friends in Edwardsport and vicinity, whom they have attracted by qualities of usefulness and unselfishness that seldom fail to meet deserved recognition.

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### HENRY BROCKSMITH.

Henry Brocksmith, who has lived retired at Bicknell since the fall of 1902, was formerly actively and successfully identified with the agricultural and mercantile interests of Knox county. His birth occurred in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, on the 6th of December, 1833, his parents being Lewis and Wilhelmina (Fricke) Brocksmith, who were born, reared and married in that country. In 1848 the father crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating in Freelandville, Knox county, Indiana, which was then all covered with timber. He purchased land from the government and prepared it for cultivation, carrying on general agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest in 1883. The period of his residence in this county covered more than a third of a century and he gained an extensive acquaintance within its borders. His wife passed away in Knox county in 1874. Their children were three in number, namely: Lewis and Louise, who are deceased; and Henry, of this review.

The last named, who obtained his education in the schools of the fatherland, accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world. During the early period of the family's residence in this county the trustees of Widner township rented a large smokehouse belonging to Lewis Brocksmith and conducted a free school therein for six weeks. When twenty-five years of age Henry Brocksmith was married and began farming the old homestead place independently, continuing to reside thereon until 1869. He then disposed of the property and embarked in business as a general merchant of Freelandville, conducting the enterprise for five years. On the expiration of that period he once more became identified with farming interests and was actively engaged in the work of the fields until the fall of 1902, when he came to Bicknell, here erecting one of the most beautiful residences that the town boasts. He also owns another commodious residence and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and respected residents of the community.

In 1859 Mr. Brocksmith was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Dreiman, by whom he has eight children, as follows: August L., who is one of the leading coal operators in Knox county; Henry F., who follows farm-

ing near Vincennes; Louisa, at home; Lena, the wife of Henry Shookman; Otto, an electrician of Linton, Indiana; Lewis, who is a merchant; Edith, the wife of John Linn, of Bicknell, Indiana; and Frank, who is likewise engaged in merchandising.

In politics Mr. Brocksmith is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Brethren church. He has now passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey and receives the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable. For more than six decades he has made his home in Knox county and is therefore largely familiar with its annals from pioneer times down to the present.

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### JOHN KROGGER.

The United States owes a great deal to Germany on account of the many sturdy sons and daughters of the fatherland who have crossed the ocean and established prosperous homes under the favoring influences of the American republic. Among the number should be named John Krogger, now engaged in the mercantile business at Westphalia, Knox county. He was born in the northern part of Germany, February 3, 1866, and is a son of John and Minnie (Ruedneck) Krogger. The father came to this country and spent the last seventeen years of his life. He was twice married, three children being the result of the first union, all of whom are still living in the old country. By his second marriage there were two children: John, our subject, and Herman, a farmer living near Sandborn. The mother was also married twice, her first husband being a Mr. Albright, by whom she had two children: Fred, a resident of Mississippi; and William, now living in Widner township, Knox county. The mother is still living and makes her home with our subject.

John Krogger was educated in the public schools of Germany, where he received a good training, which has been of great benefit to him during his active life. He came to the United States at the age of eighteen years, in 1884, and for eight years engaged in farming. However, his talents seemed to attract him in another direction and he changed his occupation, becoming driver of a huckster wagon. Twelve years ago he entered the mercantile business for himself and has since continued, attaining a gratifying measure of success, which usually is the result of well applied industry.

In 1898 Mr. Krogger was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Due, and two children have blessed the union, Theodore and Herbert, both of whom are at home. Mr. Krogger is in hearty sympathy with the principles of the democratic party, whose candidates he usually assists to the extent of

his ability, and is a valued member of the Evangelical German church of Westphalia. He is a man who would make his way anywhere. He understands the necessity of economy in the beginning of any successful career and he has the patience and perseverance that are not to be defeated by difficulties. Hence it is no wonder that he has scored success in his adopted country, and it is hardly necessary to say that no more patriotic citizen is to be found than the worthy subject of this review.

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NELSON CARROLL.

Nelson Carroll, of Sandborn, Knox county, who by application and sound judgment has gained recognition as one of its substantial business men, was born in Vigo township, this county, one and three-fourths miles west of Sandborn, February 7, 1876. He is a son of Jackson and Elizabeth (Brewer) Carroll. The father was also a native of Knox county and passed his life here but died in Sandborn in 1879. He was one of the successful farmers of Knox county and a man of very high standing, whose influence was always exerted in the direction of upbuilding the permanent welfare of those with whom he was connected. The mother of our subject was a native of Greene county, this state, and was married in Knox county. She is now living and makes her home at Sandborn. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Carroll: John W., a farmer of Vigo township; Emmett, who is also engaged in farming in Vigo township and is in partnership with our subject in business; and Nelson, our subject.

Educated in the old North Vincennes school for a few years, the subject of this review received a fair start along the lines of mental training, which he has greatly extended by reading and observation. He was brought up to work and remembers that at eight years of age he was set to plowing corn and succeeded in holding the plow between the furrows. Later he learned the brickmason's trade and became a contractor, in which he continued until 1903, when he invested in the lumber business. After some experience in his new enterprise he associated with his brother and they are now in charge of a large lumber yard, with a complete line of everything pertaining to the building interests. Being men of good business capacity, they have attracted a large patronage in Sandborn and from the surrounding country, so that now they are receiving handsome returns upon their investment and the business is steadily growing. Our subject is also identified with real estate and other interests and finds his time well taken up in meeting the demands of a progressive community.

On the 10th of July, 1896, Mr. Carroll was happily united in marriage to Miss Alice Wells, of Sandborn, Indiana. Two children have blessed the union, Roxie and Lester. Politically Mr. Carroll is in sympathy with the democratic party and socially he is identified with the Masonic lodge of

Sandborn, being past master of the same. He is a firm believer in the authority of the Bible and he and his wife are active members of the Christian church, of which he is a deacon and treasurer. By conscientious application and wise business sagacity, he has become in a large degree financially independent and is known as one of the progressive business men of Knox county. He has gained his present enviable position very largely through his innate spirit of perseverance, never yielding to discouragements, and he is a living illustration of the value of those important characteristics in attaining a laudable success in life.

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### ROBERT CURRY.

Among the men who bravely performed their duty on the field of battle when the country was in danger may be named Robert Curry, an honored resident of Edwardsport, Knox county. He was born in Dubois county, Indiana, September 30, 1844, and is a son of Thomas and Catherine (Barron) Curry. The father was born in Durham county, England, in 1809, and was a coal miner there. He came to the United States in 1833, stopping for a time at Pittsburg and then going to Hawesville, Kentucky, where he became a coal operator on the Mississippi river, delivering to the market at New Orleans. After seven years' experience in the south he located in Dubois county, Indiana, where he purchased eighty acres of land, which he cultivated until 1854, when he settled in Edwardsport. Here he lived until his death, which occurred April 23, 1876. Politically he was a staunch republican. A firm believer in the authority of the Bible, he was a valued member of the Christian church. The mother of our subject was also born in Durham county, England, where her eyes first opened to the light of day in 1812. She was married in England, in 1831, and departed this life at Edwardsport, September 18, 1877. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Curry: John, who was born March 1, 1833, and died October 5, 1861; Alice, who was born July 5, 1835, and passed away in February, 1898; Elizabeth, who was born February 21, 1837, and died in March, 1898; Thomas, Jr., who was born December 9, 1840, and was called to his final rest in September, 1858; Robert, our subject; James, who was born May 5, 1848, and now a farmer of Decker, Indiana; Jacob B., who was born February 2, 1852, and died August 19, 1953; and Jacob II, who was born July 3, 1854, and died August 23, 1854.

The subject of this review was educated in the district schools and grew up on the home farm, where he remained until he was twenty-three years of age. On July 4, 1863, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Eighteenth Indiana Volunteers, for a period of six months, and remained in the field until discharged in March, 1864. After a short visit at home he re-enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Indiana Volunteers, for one hundred days, serving until after the close of the war, when

he was honorably discharged. He took part in the battles of Blue Springs, Bullsgap, Mains Crossroads and many lesser engagements, always performing his duties in such a way as to meet the hearty approval of the officers of his company. After returning from the army he devoted his attention for a time to farming and later was a coal operator, also engaging in the grain and live-stock business. He has been very successful and is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and sixty acres in Vigo township and a beautiful home at Edwardsport, to which is attached sixteen acres of ground.

In 1866 the subject of this review was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Walker, who was born in Daviess county, Indiana, May 31, 1841, and is a daughter of John and Anna (Smiley) Walker. Two children blessed the union. Catherine is the wife of W. E. Payne, pastor of the Christian church of Brownstown, Indiana. They have two children, Elmer Curry and John Howard. Orris Asa was married to Jessie Roby and they have six children: Ruby, Robert C., Charlotte, Garnette, Teddy R. and Frances.

Mr. Curry is a stanch supporter of the republican party and, although he has never sought political honors, he takes great interest in the party's success. He is prominently identified with a number of fraternal organizations and was a charter member of the Edwardsport lodge, A. F. & A. M. He has passed through all the chairs in the blue lodge and holds membership in the chapter at Bicknell, Indiana. He and his wife are both members of the Order of the Eastern Star and he is grand patron of the local lodge. He was a charter member of the Edwardsport lodge, I. O. O. F., being the only charter member of this organization now living. The lodge was instituted June 27, 1867, and he has passed through all of its chairs. He was also a charter member of the encampment and is now chief patriarch. He and his wife both hold membership in the Rebekahs and he was a charter member of the local lodge of the Grand Army of the Republic and its first commander. Mr. and Mrs. Curry are identified with the Christian church and are socially quite prominent in the community. Their pleasant home is a gathering place where friends and acquaintances may at all times be assured of a cordial welcome. In his wife Mr. Curry has been greatly blessed, as she is a woman of excellent judgment and the possessor of many beautiful traits of character.

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#### H. G. CONRAD.

H. G. Conrad, the superintendent of the Freeman mines, was born in Edwardsport, Knox county, Indiana, on the 13th of November, 1877, his parents being Gideon and Lorena (Greene) Conrad. The father, a native of Pike county, Indiana, came to Knox county in early life and here continued to reside until called to his final rest save for a period of about ten years which he spent in the west. He worked as a miner throughout his entire

business career and passed away in 1900. The mother of our subject, who was born, reared and married in Pike county, still resides in Bicknell, where she has an extensive circle of friends.

H. G. Conrad attended the common schools until fourteen years of age and then went into the mines as a trapper. When a youth of eighteen he was made boss driver, while two years later he was promoted to the position of boss and at the early age of twenty-one became mine superintendent, which position he has held continuously since. He first served in that capacity at Edwardsport for five years and then came to Bicknell, where he acted as assistant superintendent for two years before being advanced to the position of superintendent. When the mine was opened he laid it out according to his ideas, having full charge of the underground development. He was graduated from the Scranton Correspondence School as a civil engineer, mining engineer and superintendent of mines and also passed the state examination, holding license as fire boss, mine boss and mine superintendent. He has worked his way steadily upward from a humble position to one of large responsibility and has proven himself especially capable in planning work and directing the labors of those under him.

On the 14th of June, 1905, Mr. Conrad was united in marriage to Miss Grace Thompson, by whom he has one son, Harvey Earl. His political allegiance is given to the democracy, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Edwardsport. He also belongs to the encampment. In the county where his entire life has been spent he is well known and popular, having won the kindly regard and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

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#### ALBERT G. CRAIG.

Albert G. Craig, who for the past six years has conducted a well appointed jewelry store in Bicknell, was born in Otwell, Pike county, Indiana, on the 17th of June, 1874, his parents being William and Louisa M. (McChristy) Craig. The father, whose birth occurred in Kentucky in August, 1830, was but six months old when taken by his parents to Pike county, Indiana, where he has resided continuously to the present time. He has worked at the cooper's trade throughout his entire business career, which occupation was followed by his ancestors for many years. Unto him and his wife were born eleven children, the record of whom is as follows: Herman E., who is a resident of Vincennes, Indiana; William T., a jeweler of Otwell, Indiana; Theresa A., the wife of John H. Smith, who follows farming near Spurgeon, Indiana; Elisha R., who is engaged in agricultural pursuits near Mountain Grove, Missouri; John P., of Otwell, Indiana, who is a driller for oil and coal; Oliver A., who was drowned in 1881; Marshall E., who follows carpentering at Otwell, Indiana; Cassius E., who is deceased; Louisa

Etha, who has also passed away; Albert G., of this review; and Eva Emeline, who is likewise deceased.

Albert G. Craig obtained his education in the graded schools of Otwell and there began his work as a jeweler. Subsequently he spent three years in Winslow and then removed to Hazleton, where he remained for four months. On the expiration of that period he came to Bicknell, here establishing his present business on the 10th of October, 1904. He handles a very select stock of jewelry, cut glass, chinaware, music, etc., and enjoys an extensive and profitable patronage. He also does a general line of repairing and is widely recognized as one of the substantial, enterprising and representative business men of the town. For the past four years he has been collecting old Indian relics and now has one of the finest collections of the kind in Knox county.

On the 5th of April, 1905, Mr. Craig was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Couch, of Mount Carmel, Illinois, by whom he has three children, namely: Elva Lorain; and Ethelyn Louisa and Evelyn Louesea, twins.

Mr. Craig is a socialist in politics but has always voted the prohibition ticket, being a firm believer in the temperance cause. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Bicknell. He belongs to the Christian church and acts as an elder therein as well as chairman of its board. He is likewise a member of the Retail Jewelers Association of Indiana and the National Jewelers Association. In all the relations of life he has proved himself an earnest, honest, upright man and a citizen of whom any community might well be proud.

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### WILLIAM A. DELLINGER.

William A. Dellinger, who has lived in honorable retirement at Bicknell for the past two years, was long and successfully identified with the agricultural interests of Knox county as a farmer and stock-raiser of Widner township. His birth occurred in Virginia on the 17th of November, 1852, his parents being Joseph and Sarah (Cash) Dellinger. The father, likewise a native of the Old Dominion, came to Indiana in 1856, locating in Harrison county. Subsequently he removed to Kansas and there followed farming throughout the remainder of his life. The mother of our subject was born, reared and married in the Sunflower state and resides there at the present time.

William A. Dellinger, who was but four years of age at the time of his parents' removal to this state, attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. In 1870 he came to Knox county, locating in Widner township, where he was successfully engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his active business career, also devoting considerable attention to the raising and feeding of stock. Two years ago he put aside the active

work of the fields and purchased a fine residence in Bicknell, where he has since lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. He still owns two hundred and ten acres of valuable land in this county and is widely recognized as a most substantial and respected citizen.

Mr. Dellinger has been married twice. In 1873 he wedded Miss Margaret Chambers, who passed away the same year. For his second wife he chose Miss Alice Polk, by whom he has six children, as follows: Horace P., superintendent of schools at Pittsburg, Kansas, is married and has two children, Alice and Ralph. Lawrence, a resident of Missouri, is married and has one child, Blanche. Edgar, who follows farming in Widner township, is married and has two children, Thelma and Dwight. Ralph is at home. Chester is married and has one child, Ruth. Robert is also at home.

In politics Mr. Dellinger is a republican, while fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for a time. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church. The period of his residence in Knox county covers four decades and he enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

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#### PINKNEY DE LAY.

Pinkney De Lay, a well known business man and farmer of Knox county, now living partially retired, was born in Stafford township, Greene county, Indiana, April 8, 1835, a son of Alexander and Rachel (Carl) De Lay. The father was a native of North Carolina, born in 1801, and was one of the early pioneers of Indiana, coming to Greene county about 1832 or 1833, where he was identified with farming interests until his death, which occurred in 1866. The mother of our subject was born in North Carolina, in 1801, and was married in her native state before coming to Indiana. She departed this life twenty-two years after her husband, in 1888. They had eight children: Mary, and David, both deceased; James, who served in Company C, Eightieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, at the time of the Civil war and is now deceased; Nancy Jane, the wife of Samuel Hollingsworth, of Oklahoma; Malinda, deceased; Pinkney, our subject; Albert, who died in 1859; and Martha, also deceased.

Pinkney De Lay was reared on the home farm under pioneer conditions and received his early education in the subscription school, a system which was in use prior to the introduction of the common schools. He assisted in the farm work as he grew up and continued at home until he was twenty-three years of age, when he took unto himself a wife and removed to Knox county, locating on the White river bottom. Here he cultivated land and carried on general farming with a high degree of success, being recognized as one of the substantial farmers of the community. In 1892 he removed to Sandborn, where he has since lived and is actively identified with the Sand-



born Bank, having been one of its organizers and now serving upon its board of directors. He is also interested in real estate and is the owner of one hundred and ninety acres of highly improved land in Knox and Greene counties. The farm is being cultivated by younger men and he is devoting his attention to other interests, in which he has made good paying investments.

On the 10th of February, 1859, Mr. De Lay was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Maxwell, of this county, and they became the parents of eight children: J. A., a farmer of Bicknell, is married and has one daughter, Harriet. Elizabeth is the next of the family. William, who is engaged in the drug business in Palestine, Illinois, is married and has four sons, Earl, Cecil, Floyd and Frank. James A., a Christian minister, now deceased, married and had one daughter, Jamie. David Curtis, who is operating a gristmill at Lyons, Greene county, Indiana, is married and has seven children, Stella, Eldon, Ellis, Ruth, Chester, Virgil and Dorothy. Clyde, a farmer of Vigo township, is married and has two sons, Elmer and William. One child died in infancy. Maud is the wife of Everett Jones, who is in business with our subject, and they have had three children but only one is living, Everett P.

In March, 1905, Mr. De Lay was called upon to mourn the loss of his beloved wife, a woman of many beautiful attributes of mind and heart, who made many friends by her unselfish life.

Mr. De Lay is politically in sympathy with the republican party. He has never aspired to public office but for two and one-half years he served with great acceptance as member of the town board. He is a man of liberal views and is not a member of any religious denomination but contributes to all of the local churches. Successful in business and also in making friends, Mr. De Lay is known as a citizen of sterling qualities and one who has been of distinct benefit to the community. Loved by his children and associates, he is now at ease passing the evening of a well spent life, which has reflected credit not only upon himself but upon all with whom he has been connected.

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### J. G. SIMONSON.

J. G. Simonson, of Edwardsport, who is a descendant of good English ancestry and whose father was a pioneer of Indiana, was born in Daviess county, Indiana, across the river from Edwardsport, August 9, 1845. He is a son of Alfred and Sarah (Perkins) Simonson. The father was born in a fort in the early pioneer days about half way between Edwardsport and Bicknell. He passed his entire life in Knox county with the exception of four years, which he spent in Daviess county, and until 1846 engaged in farming. At the time named he entered the general merchandise business at Edwardsport, dealing also extensively in grain and pork, which he shipped

by water to New Orleans. Associating with George Morgan, he built a large brick pork house, which still stands and is the largest building in Edwardsport, being used as a grain elevator. It is one hundred and seven by thirty feet in foundation area. He also built a large brick store building, which still stands and is used by the subject of this review. The father was a prominent real-estate holder in Edwardsport and erected twelve residences in the town. He was a democrat and a member of the Masonic order, having advanced to the higher degrees in the organization. At the time of his death in 1901 he was the oldest member of Washington lodge, Daviess county. The mother of our subject was born at Sugar Grove, Daviess county, and departed this life in Knox county in 1907. There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Simonson: George, a farmer of Freelandville; Emeline, the widow of Dr. Anderson, of Vincennes; J. G., our subject; Lee, a farmer of Vigo township; Flora, the wife of David Bruner, of Sandborn, Indiana; Laura, the wife of Steve Slinkard of Los Angeles, California, and Florence, John and Dora, all deceased.

Educated in the public schools of Edwardsport, J. G. Simonson, at sixteen years of age, in 1861, began his active career in partnership with his father, in which he continued for many years. About 1889 the partnership was dissolved and he conducted business on his own account, retiring from active operations in 1905. He is the owner of two lots and the brick store building which his father erected and also of forty-five acres of valuable land near town and sixty acres one and one-half miles south of town, as well as other interests which yield him a handsome income upon his investments.

Politically Mr. Simonson adheres to the democratic party. He has never aspired to official position but has always willingly assisted his friends who desired public office. Successful in business affairs, he can claim a host of admirers in the county where he has passed his entire life, and is recognized as a citizen whose honor has never been questioned and who has ever aimed to perform his duty to all with whom he was associated.

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### JOHN A. RISCH.

Among the successful business men of Vincennes stands John A. Risch, who is president of the Vincennes Milk Condensing Company and is prominently connected with other interests. He is a native of Knox county, born September 21, 1865, and is a son of Sebastian and Mary (Heller) Risch. His father, who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, in 1834, came to America and for twenty-five years was engaged in the general merchandise business. The mother was a native of Indiana. Eight children of the family are now living: Catherine, now Mrs. John B. Prullage, of Vincennes, whose husband is sole owner of the Knox County Brick Yards; John A., the subject



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of this review; and Anthony M., Joseph J., Henry, Josephine, Lawrence, and Anna, now Mrs. Aubrey Morgan, all of Vincennes.

John A. Risch received his preliminary education in the public schools of Vincennes and then completed a course in a commercial college, thus preparing for the active duties of life. He first engaged as a bookkeeper in his father's office and after having gained the necessary experience was given entire charge of the store, evincing an energy and enterprise which was a sure prophecy of success. In 1892 he began in the general mercantile business on his own account, conducting what was known as the Economy Department Store. He was at the head of this business for fourteen years, retiring in 1906. Being a man of practical business observation, he became interested in the milk condensing business. He accordingly organized the Vincennes Milk Condensing Company and has since been its president and general manager, the result proving that his judgment was correct, as the business has shown a steady increase from the beginning. In October, 1909, he took charge of the creamery at Montgomery, Indiana, and in March, 1910, was made general manager of the Eldorado Ice Cream Company of Eldorado, Illinois. He also has large farming interests in Knox county and is a prominent holder of real estate in Vincennes.

On the 10th of February, 1907, Mr. Risch was united in marriage to Mrs. Emma Doak, a daughter of Robert Henderson, of Indiana. He is a member of the board of directors of the Vincennes Board of Trade and in social circles is affiliated with the Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Harmonie Verein. Politically he is independent, preferring to vote for the men and issues that at the time appear to him most essential to the advancement of the interests of the city and state. He is popular with his friends and acquaintances broad in his views as to the duties of citizenship, and, being a life-long resident of this section and fully alive as to its resources and possibilities, he has in many ways been able to advance the permanent interests of Vincennes and Knox county.

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#### SAMUEL J. MILLER.

A prosperous citizen of Knox county, Samuel J. Miller, the owner of a highly improved farm which he acquired through his own industry, was born in Widner township, Knox county, February 18, 1860. He is a son of August J. and Wilhelmina (Wallerman) Miller. The father was a native of Hammerstein, Germany, but he was not satisfied with the conditions prevailing in one of the long established countries of the old world, so he came to the United States in 1857, seeking more favorable surroundings for himself and his family. It is this spirit of dissatisfaction that has led many to leave their homes and seek their fortunes in a strange land. The same spirit is responsible in a most important degree for the progress of civiliza-

tion and its dissemination in the various countries of the world. August J. Miller located for one year at Louisville, Kentucky, then came to Knox county, making his home on a farm owned by Charles Harper, near Edwardsport. After cultivating this farm for a year he bought forty acres from Mr. Harper and after seven years permanently located in section 4, Vigo township, where he continued until his death, which occurred in December, 1891. In his native country Mr. Miller was a blacksmith, but in Knox county he became a successful farmer and was known as one of the reliable and progressive members of the community. The mother of our subject was born at Hammerstein and departed this life in 1872, in Knox county. There were six children in the family: Augusta, who died in 1903; Samuel J.; Joseph, deceased in 1908; John R., now living in Vigo township; Henry C., also of Vigo township; and Sarah J., who is married and lives in Washington township, Knox county.

The subject of this review was educated in the country schools of his native county and grew up on the home farm, becoming, under the direction of his father, thoroughly acquainted with the various details of agriculture and stock-raising. He continued at home until thirty-two years of age when he began farming on his own account at his present location, in section 9. He is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land, forty acres of which is in Washington township. He has made all the improvements on his place and manages so well that he receives gratifying annual returns upon his investment. No more capable farmer is to be found in this part of the county.

In August, 1891, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Idelle Bicknell and three children have blessed this union, Robert A., Evangeline and Ernest. Politically Mr. Miller is identified with the republican party. He is an active member of the Baptist church and is now serving as deacon. He is greatly interested in the community in which he lives and has on many occasions demonstrated the interest he feels by generous contributions to worthy causes and by personal service in behalf of those less fortunate than himself. A native of Knox county, he has here spent his entire life, and it is no exaggeration to say that he possesses in a high degree the unqualified respect of those with whom he associates.

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#### GEORGE W. PHILLIPPE, SR.

George W. Phillippe, Sr., one of the worthy native sons of Knox county, has been successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and is the owner of two hundred and fifty-four acres of rich and productive land in Vigo township. His birth occurred on the 26th of June, 1833, and he has therefore passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey. The first representatives of the name in this

country were three brothers who came from France in 1732, two settling in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and the other in Wythe county, Virginia. Some of their descendants now reside in Germantown, Pennsylvania. Peter Phillippe, the father of our subject, came to Indiana from Wythe county, Virginia, in 1832, locating in Palmyra township, Knox county. At the end of a year he took up his abode in Washington township, there continuing to reside until called to his final rest in 1847. He was an agriculturist by occupation and won a gratifying measure of success as a tiller of the soil. His political allegiance was given to the democracy, while in religious faith he was a Presbyterian. The lady whom he wedded while still a resident of Wythe county, Virginia, was there born and reared. Her demise occurred on the 13th of June, 1878. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children, as follows: Katie, the widow of James Neal, of Washington township; Ephraim, also a resident of Washington township; Josiah, who is deceased; George W., of this review; John, of Washington township; Mary, who is deceased; Eliza, who gave her hand in marriage to John Boyd and resides in Washington township; David, who likewise makes his home in Washington township; and Peter, who has passed away.

George W. Phillippe, Sr., acquired his education in the common schools of Washington township and remained under the parental roof until twenty-eight years of age, assisting in the operation of the home farm. In 1861 he took up his abode on the farm which has remained in his possession to the present time, first clearing the land and preparing it for cultivation. The many substantial improvements which now adorn the property stand as monuments to his enterprise, thrift and industry. The work of the fields has claimed his attention throughout his entire business career and he is now the owner of two hundred and fifty-four acres of valuable land in Vigo township, which returns to him a gratifying annual income. He was formerly a member of the Building & Loan Association and was likewise interested in the banking business but has recently withdrawn from those branches of activity. His home is a commodious and substantial structure, attractive by reason of its tasteful furnishings as well as because of the spirit of hospitality which there reigns supreme.

On the 26th of October, 1860, Mr. Phillippe was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Smith, of Freelandville, Knox county, Indiana, by whom he had eight children, namely: Frank, who has passed away; Peter, a resident of Vincennes, Indiana, and ex-county superintendent of schools; Lewis, an agriculturist of Vigo township, who was formerly a trustee of that township; David, who is deceased; Marion G., at home; Delia, living in Waynesville, Illinois; Ethel, the wife of Charles Houk, of Bicknell, Indiana; and Catherine, at home.

At the polls Mr. Phillippe supports the men and measures of the democracy, being a firm believer in its principles. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and acts as a steward and trustee. Having resided in

Knox county from his birth to the present time or for more than three-fourths of a century, he is widely and favorably known within its borders, the circle of his friends being almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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### ELLIOTT T. COX.

Elliott T. Cox, owner of a valuable farm in Widner township, is a highly respected citizen who has made his own way through life and years ago attained a position of comparative independence. He was born in Widner township, November 23, 1854, and is a son of Alexander Campbell and Angeline (Sartor) Cox. The birth of the father occurred near Freelandville, Knox county, but at twenty-six years of age he went to Labette county, Kansas, where he lived for eight years. He then removed to Welch, Indian Territory, where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1907. He was through life identified with the farming interests and was an earnest member of the Christian church, having assisted in securing religious services in Widner township. Jonathan P. Cox, the grandfather of our subject, was one of the early arrivals in Knox county, coming from Kentucky in company with two brothers, while two other brothers remained at the old home. He became one of the leaders in the early times in this county and served as county assessor and also as county surveyor. The mother of our subject was a native of Washington township, this county, and daughter of John T. Sartor, a well known farmer. There were eight children in the family, the subject of this sketch being the eldest. The others were: Alice, now the wife of William Bunting, a farmer of Vigo township; Rachel, the widow of Frank Raferty, of Indianapolis, Indiana; John O., of Stockton, California; Flora, the wife of Stowey Hollingsworth, of Washington township, this county; Oswald, a carpenter of Bicknell; Lewis W., a farmer of Oaktown, Indiana; and one who died in infancy.

Educated in the common schools of Widner township, Elliott P. Cox grew up upon the home farm and continued there until twenty-eight years of age, when he began farming for himself in that township. He first bought fifty acres of land, which he carefully cultivated, and in 1888 purchased the home place. Here he lived until 1905, when he acquired possession of the Lee Hill farm adjoining, to which place he removed, but after two years located in Bicknell where he owns a beautiful home. He is also the owner of three hundred and forty acres of fine farming land in this county and has for years been known as one of its most successful and progressive men. In addition to raising cereals he has made a specialty of fine cattle, and the shorthorns, from his farm have commanded high prices in the market.

In 1882 Mr. Cox was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Robinson and seven children were born to them: Nellie, the wife of Charles Phillippe, now



living on the home place of our subject; A. C., who lives on the Lee Hill place; Richard R., a carpenter of Bicknell; Agnes F., at home; Jessie, the wife of Roy Horn, of Bicknell; and Lena and Donley E., both at home.

Mr. Cox takes pride in the fact that he never worked for wages. He has been his own master ever since he began his battle with the world and right nobly has he carried the day. His spirit of independence is shown in his political views. He was reared a republican but after reflection and observation became a populist and is a staunch believer in the platform of that party. He was formerly a member of the Church of Christ and has always made it a principle to deal justly—a principle that should be applied in all business transactions between men. Mr. Cox is highly esteemed by his neighbors and friends for his many worthy traits and the interest he has shown in everything pertaining to the permanent welfare of those with whom he is associated.

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#### PETER C. FROST.

The pioneers are passing away and not many years hence the last of these brave men and women will have gone to their reward. Their children, who in many instances suffered the privations of the early days, are with us and are among the most respected members of the community. Among the number of whom record should be made in this work is Peter C. Frost, who, seventy-five years ago was born in Knox county and who has witnessed not a few of the ups and downs of life in the course of an eventful experience. His eyes first opened to the light of day in a pioneer home in Vigo township, about three miles north of where he now resides, February 27, 1835. He is a son of Joshua and Sarah (Carl) Frost. The father was a native of North Carolina and came to Knox county in his early manhood soon after taking unto himself a life companion. He died at the age of forty-five years. The mother was also from North Carolina and departed this life at the age of fifty-three years. There were eight children in the family and the subject of this review is the only survivor.

Peter C. Frost received his education in the early subscription schools, the public-school system not then having been organized in this state. He grew up upon the home farm and assisted in clearing the land which was originally thickly overgrown with timber and quite swampy. In his boyhood days game was plentiful in this region and he has seen as many as thirty-five deer in one herd. The market for farm produce was at Vincennes and the roads were rough and hard to travel. Dressed pork brought from one dollar and a half to two dollars and a half per hundred and other farm produce in proportion. Our subject was quite a hunter and has killed two deer in one day, being a good shot and having clear eyesight that could detect these animals far away. He engaged in farming until 1860, when he decided upon

a change of location and went to Mount Pleasant, Titus county, Texas, where he was located for three years. The war was then in progress and he was drafted into the rebel army, where he was obliged to serve until the surrender of General Lee. He spent two years more in Texas and then yielded to an irresistible desire to take up his residence once more amidst familiar scenes. He accordingly returned to Vigo township, where he has since continued as a farmer and where he is now the owner of a fine tillable landed property and seventy acres and also a valuable town lot in Vincennes.

In 1866 Mr. Frost was happily united in marriage to Miss Emma Robins, a native of this country. Four children have blessed the union: Elizabeth, May and Elizabeth, all deceased; and William Thomas, now living at home. Mrs. Frost having been called away, our subject was again married, in 1879, to Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Ireland Nagle, and to this union five children have been born: Lucretia, the wife of Minor McLenithan, of Illinois; Peter Joshua; John, a farmer of Vigo township; Ross, of Kansas; and Catherine, the wife of Richard Anthony, of Sandborn.

Politically in sympathy with the republican party, Mr. Frost has assisted to the extent of his ability toward its success in this county. He was a charter member of Sandborn lodge, K. P., and served for a number of years as trustee, and was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Sandborn until the lodge disbanded. He is a man of strong social qualities and has many warm personal friends in Sandborn and Knox county, who admire him as a good citizen and a worthy representative of the stanch American type of character. Coming of a pioneer family, he inherited many of the traits that enabled the early settlers to meet and overcome obstacles, and by an honorable life he has maintained the good name of a family that nobly performed its part in the upbuilding of Knox county.

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#### PETER PHILLIPPE.

Peter Phillippe, deceased, who was a valiant soldier in behalf of a united republic and a successful farmer, generally accomplishing what he undertook, was born in Washington township, Knox county, June 31, 1838. He was a son of Peter and Rebecca (Wampler) Phillippe, who were identified with the agricultural interests of this county. Our subject received his early education in the common schools and grew up on the home farm, showing as a boy many worthy characteristics which he more fully developed as the years passed. He engaged in farming until the breaking out of the Civil war, when, like thousands of other patriotic young men of the country, he offered his services in behalf of the Union, becoming a member of Company E, Fifty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was sent to the front and participated in many of the great battles of the war. Private Phillippe was never absent from the place of duty and nobly sustained his reputation

as a brave and reliable soldier. He remained in the army for three years but was then honorably discharged, having contracted colic in the service and also having suffered greatly from loss of hearing, the latter being caused by heavy cannonading, which usually preceded the great battles. He was affected by both of these ailments during all the remaining years of his life, but uncomplainingly he bore his affliction like the brave man that he was. After returning from the army he resumed farming and continued at this occupation with a laudable degree of success until he was called away in 1898.

On the 13th of June, 1867, Mr. Phillippe was united in marriage to Miss Mollie Bicknell, who was born in Bicknell, this county, a daughter of Samuel and Martha (Hooper) Bicknell. Her father was also a native of Knox county but her mother was born in Wythe county, Virginia. There were twelve children in the family, two of whom died in infancy: Julia, deceased; William, of Vincennes; Thomas, of Bicknell; Charles, of Strawtown, Indiana; John, of Bicknell; Robert, of Widner township, this county; Lucy A., Nancy and Florence, all deceased; and Alice, of Zena, Illinois. Six children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Phillippe: John; Luther, of Bicknell; Flora; Lillie; Minnie; and Ona, the wife of Curtis Keith, of Indianapolis. Mrs. Phillippe two years ago erected a beautiful residence in Bicknell, where she now lives. She is the owner of twenty-five acres of land in the suburbs of the town, some of which has been platted as the Phillippe addition. She also owns stock in the Building & Loan Association and need have no fears as to finances, having been well provided for in her husband's estate.

Politically Mr. Phillippe casts his vote in support of the democratic party. Although he did not aspire to political office, he served with general acceptance as postmaster of Bicknell for two years. He was a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church, taking a very active part in its work, and was recognized as a man of unimpeachable character and sterling worth, who was always willing to make any sacrifice for the sake of those with whom he was associated.

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#### JOSEPH L. REEVE, M. D.

For nearly thirty years in active practice at Edwardsport, Dr. J. L. Reeve has gained a high standing in a profession that calls for the best abilities of a most carefully trained mind. He was born at Edwardsport, August 27, 1857, and received his preliminary education in the common schools. Later he became a student at the normal school of Indianapolis and then taught for one term near Sandborn. Having decided upon a professional career, he entered the University of Louisville, at Louisville, Kentucky, where he pursued the regular course, graduating February 25, 1881, with the title of M. D. He immediately began practice at Edwardsport where he has since continued. He is a constant student of the best medical publications and an

observer who has learned a great deal in his practice that is not found in books. By conscientious attention to his duties he has build up a large patronage among the best class of citizens of Knox county. Financially he has been quite successful, as is evinced from the fact that he owns three hundred acres of fine Knox county land and a beautiful home in Edwardsport.

On the 9th day of May, 1882, Dr. Reeve was united in marriage to Miss Ella Graham, of Jeffersonville, Indiana, who was called away August 23, 1883. On May 29, 1889, he was married to Miss Carrie Keith and five children have resulted from this union: Elsie L.; Bonnie, deceased; Robert R.; Keith G.; and Ernest B.

Dr. Reeve served two terms as examining surgeon for the United States government under Presidents Cleveland and McKinley and as examining surgeon in this region for the leading life insurance companies. He is a member of a number of the leading medical organizations, among which may be named the Indiana State Medical Society, the Mississippi Valley Medical Society, the Wabash Valley Medical Society and the Knox County Medical Society.

Politically he is identified with the democratic party and, although he has not urgently pushed himself forward for public office, he served as trustee of Vigo township for two terms and as a member of the state legislature in the session of 1901-1903, discharging his duties with a fidelity that met the cordial approval of the voters. Fraternally he holds membership in the blue lodge and chapter of the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the encampment, the Knights of Pythias and the Tribe of Ben Hur. He and his wife are members of the Rebekahs and Mrs. Reeve and the younger members of the family are identified with the Baptist Missionary church and are earnest workers in the cause of religion. Dr. Reeve has found in his wife a most worthy helpmate whose presence and sympathetic counsel have been to him an unfailing source of strength. In a long and active career he has displayed a judgment and discrimination which are of the highest importance in solving the problems that daily face the physician. As a result no professional man in Knox county possesses in a higher degree the confidence and respect of its citizens than the honorable gentleman whose name introduces this review.

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#### SAMUEL A. BUNTING.

The nation will always honor the men who saved the Union, for to them is due the liberty we now enjoy. Among the brave soldiers whose name it is a pleasure to record in this work is that of Samuel A. Bunting, now a prosperous citizen of Bicknell. He was born in Vigo township, Knox county, November 28, 1845, and is a son of S. A. and Elizabeth (Scott) Bunting. The father was a native of Trenton, New Jersey, and came with

his father in 1837 to Indiana, being among the early settlers of this state. He was a successful farmer and departed this life in 1888. The mother was a native of Knox county. She was called away in 1889. There were twelve children as the result of this union, the oldest of whom was Samuel A. Bunting, our subject. The other members of the family were: Sarah, the wife of W. T. McClure, of Palmyra township, this county; Thomas, who died in 1909; John of Wheatland, Indiana; Dan, now an engineer at the power house of Vincennes; Mary, the wife of Lewis Nolan, a railway conductor with headquarters at McCook, Nebraska; William, a farmer of Vigo township; Halleck, now living on the home place; Fanny, at home; Rebecca, the wife of John Jones, who lives on the home place, Eliza, the wife of Charles Steward, a traveling salesman of Helena, Montana; and one who died in infancy.

Educated in the common schools, the subject of this review grew up as a farmer boy and was almost ready to enter upon an active career for himself when the land was overshadowed by the great rebellion. As soon as he arrived at an eligible age he offered himself for service and became a member of Company G, One Hundred and Twentieth Indiana Volunteers. In his regiment he served with highest credit to himself and the cause which he zealously espoused for a period of three years, from 1863 to 1866. He was present at many of the great battles and participated in a number of the most important movements of the war, receiving an education by contact with men which could never be given other circumstances. He was present at the battle of Resaca, in the Atlanta campaign, at Nashville and Franklin, Tennessee, and Raleigh, North Carolina, going from the latter place to Macon, Georgia, and thence toward Washington to meet General Bragg. Although quite a young man, the scenes and events of those three years made a tremendous impression upon his mind and have had an important influence in shaping his life. After returning from the army he began farming in Vigo township, where he continued for ten years, and then moved to Bicknell, still being identified with farming interests and also selling fruit trees. He owns a large share in two hundred acres of land and also a fine residence in town, located upon two lots, and holds title to three lots in another part of the town.

In 1871 Mr. Bunting was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Wilson. Six children have blessed the union: Ella G., who became the wife of Charles Hord and is now deceased; Percy, who married Minnie Frederick and lives in California; Arleigh, a teacher in the Bicknell high school; Ray W., now engaged as telegraph operator at Bicknell; Pearl, the wife of W. A. Davis, superintendent of schools in Bicknell; and Ralph, employed on concrete work.

Mr. Bunting is a supporter of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to the prosperity of the country. He is a valued member of the Baptist church of Bicknell and is closely identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, where he and his comrades renew the associa-

tions of long years ago. He has won success because he deserved it. He showed his mettle when he donned the blue and the spirit of fealty to his country and courage in times of danger has never deserted him. He is today one of the honored citizens of Knox county—a place to which he is entitled by his services and by a long life of adherence to duty.

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### ALBERT J. HEITZ.

Albert J. Heitz, superintendent and general manager of the Vincennes Electric Company, in which connection he is controlling extensive and important business interests of this character, was born September 19, 1875, in the city which is yet his home. His parents were George and Lena (Brosmer) Heitz, the former a native of France and the latter of Cincinnati, Ohio. The father spent the first twelve years of his life in France and then came to the new world with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Heitz. The grandfather of our subject was one of the first settlers of Vincennes, making his way direct from the Atlantic coast to this city, from which time the family name has been closely associated with the history of material development and substantial upbuilding in southwestern Indiana. Stephen Heitz was a railroad contractor, becoming closely associated with early railroad building in this part of the country. George Heitz, following in his father's footsteps in business, also became a railroad man, continuing actively in that field of labor until the measure of his success was sufficiently large to enable him to retire several years ago. He still makes his home in Vincennes and is one of the honored and respected residents of this city.

Albert J. Heitz was sent as a pupil to the parochial school of the Catholic church until the age of twelve years, when he entered the high school of Vincennes, in which he completed the usual course by graduation. Like his father and grandfather before him, he turned his attention to activities in the railroad world, but while thus engaged regarded the business only as a means to an end—it providing him support while he was preparing for other work. All of his leisure was devoted to the study of electricity in both its scientific and its practical phases and his proficiency became such that in 1902 he was made manager of the Knox County Telephone Company, which he thus represented for three years. He afterwards became connected with the City Electric Company and held the responsible position of assistant superintendent for two years. On the expiration of that period he came to his present position which he has since filled. The Vincennes Electric Company is an offshoot of the Vincennes Light & Power Company, the electrical business having been purchased by the corporation of which Albert J. Heitz is now superintendent and general manager. The business was reorganized under the name of the Vincennes Electric Company, the enterprise being financed by foreign capital save for the stock which is now owned by Mr. Heitz. The purpose of the

business is to furnish light and power for commercial purposes and the plant is located on Hart street and the river. The ability which Mr. Heitz has gained enables him to speak with authority upon many questions concerning electricity and its use, and as superintendent and general manager he is winning success for the company which he now represents.

In November, 1906, Mr. Heitz was united in marriage to Miss Clara Hartel, of Washington, Indiana, and unto them have been born two children, Rose and Margaret. The family are communicants of the Catholic church and Mr. Heitz also belongs to the Knights of Columbus. From an early period in the development of Vincennes the Heitz family has been closely associated with industrial and commercial activity here and Albert J. Heitz, like his father and grandfather before him, is making an excellent record in business circles by his ability, enterprise and laudable ambition.

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### CHARLES W. LAUBY.

Charles W. Lauby, one of the substantial citizens of Vincennes, is carrying on business as proprietor of sheet metal works and has built up an excellent trade in that line. A native of Indiana, he was born in Washington, Daviess county, October 24, 1879, and is a son of Alois Laube, who was born in Switzerland in 1855 and came to this country in 1873, locating in Indiana. The name has since become Anglicized and the father is now known as Lewis Lauby. For many years he was employed as a stationary engineer but is now living retired. In early manhood he married Miss Laura Patterson, who was born in Indiana in 1860, and they became the parents of six children, namely: Maurice J., of Vincennes; Charles W., of this review; Laida, the wife of Russell Davis, of Washington, Indiana; Florence, the wife of Joseph Klee, also of Washington; George, of Denver, Colorado; and Marie, at home.

Charles W. Lauby was educated in the common schools of his native county and in St. Simon's parochial school at Washington. After laying aside his text-books he entered the grocery business and was later connected with the confectionery business, and subsequently became identified with M. J. Carnahan in the tin business at Washington. Coming to Vincennes, he opened sheet metal works at the corner of Seventh and Seminary streets in January, 1904, and has since continued in that line of trade. He deals in metal and slate roofing, cornices, hot air furnaces, heavy sheet iron and sky lights and also has an extensive repair department. He has been employed on a number of the finest residences, business blocks and school-houses in the city and has secured an excellent patronage which is constantly increasing.

On the 17th of January, 1905, Mr. Lauby was united in marriage to Miss Josephine M. Ryan, also a native of Daviess county, born October 20, 1880.

and a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Fitzpatrick) Ryan. Her father was a merchant and is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lauby have one child, Elizabeth Laura, born October 20, 1905.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Lauby has usually affiliated with the democratic party. In religious faith he is a Catholic and was a member of the building committee at the time of the erection of the Sacred Heart church and parsonage. Fraternally he holds membership in the Harmonie Verein, the Knights of Columbus and the Order of Eagles, being in hearty sympathy with the principles of those organizations. Early in life he learned to depend upon his own exertions and has become a man of good business ability and sound judgment who usually carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. His career has been such as to win the confidence and high regard of those with whom he comes in contact, either in business or social life, and he has many friends in Vincennes and vicinity.

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#### A. B. EVERING.

For fifteen years A. B. Evering has figured in the commercial circles of Vincennes as a dealer in hardware, paints, varnish, glass, coal, wood and fuel, and in this connection has developed a business that is constantly growing and has long since come to be ranked with the profitable undertakings of the city. His life record is another illustration of the fact that in America opportunity is open to all, for he had few advantages to aid him at the outset of his career. Germany numbers him among her native sons. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Evering, hard working people and members of the Catholic church.

A. B. Evering was nine years of age when the family emigrated to the new world and much of his youth was spent in Cannelton, Indiana, where he acquired his education by attending the public schools. He afterwards went to Bellville, Indiana, and in 1889 came to Vincennes. When his school life was over he turned his attention to mining and was thus engaged until thirty-three years of age. The ability and industry which he displayed in that connection won him advancement and his wages were proportionately increased. He it was who put in the prospect shaft and in his efforts in the coal fields he won a measure of success that enabled him to turn his attention to merchandising about fifteen years ago. He is now conducting a substantial and gratifying business on Second street North, where he carries a large line of hardware, paints, varnish and glass and also conducts a coal and wood yard. He has won the favor of the public and a liberal patronage is accorded him, his business gradually increasing year by year until it has now reached a place among the more successful enterprises of this character in Vincennes.

Mr. Evering was united in marriage to Miss Mary Wise, and their children are four in number. Two, however, have passed away. The living are



Agnes and Josephine. The former is the wife of A. J. Bultman and has five children, Morris, Helen, August, Sylvester and Morilla. Josephine is the widow of Glenn Smult and has two sons, George and Glenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Evering are members of the German Catholic church. There have been no exciting chapters in his life record. He has worked earnestly and persistently from early boyhood, depending upon his own earnings for a livelihood from the time he left school. His record proves that persistence and determination will eventually win success, for it has only been through the exercise of these qualities that Mr. Evering has advanced on the high road to fortune.

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### MRS. SARAH E. McKINLEY.

Mrs. Sarah E. (Robinson) McKinley is the owner of an excellent farm in Steen township and is a representative of a very old and highly respected family of Knox county. She was born in this county in January, 1852, and is a daughter of Richard and Frances (Stevenson) Robinson. Her father was born in this county on the 24th of October, 1824, and his life record covered the intervening years to the 13th of February, 1888. He always engaged in farming, which occupation he took up on his own account after acquiring his education in the early subscription schools. The family is of Scotch lineage. Richard Robinson was united in marriage to Frances Stevenson, a daughter of John and Sarah Stevenson, who were natives of County Tyrone, Ireland, and came to this country when John Stevenson was a comparatively young man. Here he took up the occupation of farming, in which he met with substantial success, owning fourteen hundred acres of land at the time of his death. Dr. J. L. Robinson, a brother of Mrs. McKinley, is mentioned at length on another page of this work.

Sarah E. Robinson spent her girlhood days in her parents' home, acquiring her education in the public schools and aiding in the duties of the household, so that she was well qualified to take charge of a home of her own when she gave her hand in marriage to Simon Thornton McKinley, one of Knox county's native sons. He was born on the 25th of June, 1848, and at the usual age became a pupil in the district schools, wherein he mastered the branches of learning usually taught. The periods of vacation were largely devoted to farm work and when he attained his majority he resolved to continue as a farmer. He purchased two hundred acres of land in donation 102 and later made an additional purchase of fifty acres in donation 134. With characteristic energy he devoted his time and labors to tilling the fields, which he brought under a high state of cultivation and to which he added many substantial improvements. He continued the owner of this property up to the time of his death and left it all to his widow.

Mr. McKinley was a faithful and devoted member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also of the Knights of Honor. He was highly respected in the community in which he lived, being honest and upright in all of his business dealings. He won his success by close application, unfaltering industry and earnest purpose. He continued actively engaged in farming until his demise, which occurred in 1886 and was deeply mourned by many friends.

Mrs. McKinley still resides upon the farm left her by her husband. It is a valuable and productive property and returns to her a gratifying annual income. She is a member of the Presbyterian church, guiding her life by its teachings. She has always lived in Knox county and her many good qualities of heart and mind have won her the friendly regard of all with whom she has been brought in contact.

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#### ELISHA MORGAN.

Elisha Morgan, popular and prominent in business circles in Vincennes, is now the president of the Saiter-Morgan Company, in which connection he is at the head of a growing and prosperous wholesale and retail trade in paints and hardware. He is yet a young man and the success which he has achieved is the indication of his business powers, ability and enterprising spirit. He is imbued with the progressive element which has ever been a dominant factor in the upbuilding of the middle west.

He has always lived in the Mississippi valley, his birth having occurred on the 9th of July, 1877, in Highland Park, Illinois, one of the attractive Chicago suburbs. His parents are Captain Elisha and Julia (Waggoner) Morgan, in whose home his youthful days were passed, his training there instilling into him many sterling principles which have been manifest in his later life. He began his education in the schools of Chicago and continued throughout his course a pupil in the same school which he entered in the primary grade.

He made his initial step in the business world as an employe of a dry-goods company of Chicago, with which he remained for six years. He first became connected with the line of business somewhat similar to that in which he is now engaged by entering the employ of the Chicago Varnish Company, which he represented on the road as a traveling salesman for eleven years. In this way he became widely acquainted with the trade and this has been of much value to him since he started out independently. Throughout his business career he has been actuated by the laudable ambition of one day engaging in business on his own account that his labors and energy might more directly benefit himself. About four years ago he joined Harry Saiter in purchasing the wholesale and retail hardware and paint store formerly owned by Mr. Saiter's father. The young men brought to their task an enthusiasm

and determination which have been felt in the continuous growth and development of the business. Their wholesale trade interests are reaching out further and further and their retail patronage in Vincennes is becoming more and more extensive. They follow modern business methods, are actuated by a progressive spirit and in the conduct of the business they recognize no such word as fail. They are continually seeking out new ways in which to extend the trade and their labors are being attended by substantial and well merited results.

Mr. Morgan was married in Chicago to Miss Esther Scalborn, and unto them have been born two children, Esther Catharine and Ruth Elizabeth. Mr. Morgan has an interesting military chapter in his life record. He was a member of the First Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served with honor during the Spanish-American war, the regiment being on active duty in Cuba, where they suffered the usual hardships of war, after which they returned to camp on Long Island and thence proceeded to Chicago. Mr. Morgan afterward became a first lieutenant in the First Regiment, which when mustered out of the United States service, again became a part of the Illinois National Guard, the leading military organization of Chicago. His fraternal relations are with the Masons, with the Loyal Legion, the Knights of Pythias and the Travelers Protective Association. By nature he is friendly and cordial and his geniality has made him many friends wherever business interests have taken him. His popularity is well deserved, for in him are embraced the characteristics of unabating energy, thorough reliability and loyalty in citizenship.

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### SAMUEL M. REEVE.

A thoroughly successful business man of Edwardsport, Samuel M. Reeve deserves a place in a biographical work relating to the substantial citizens of Knox county. He was born in Vigo township, near Edwardsport, this county, February 15, 1864, and received his education in the public schools of Indianapolis and Edwardsport. The boys of the family followed their father's trade of painter and paper hanger and the subject of this review was engaged in this occupation until eighteen years of age, when he began upon his own account as clerk in a general store. Later he learned the barber's trade, which he followed for seventeen years, at the end of which time he purchased the mercantile business, including hardware, implements and furniture, in which he has ever since been engaged, having acquired a patronage, by his excellent taste in selecting goods and also by his genial address, which yields him a generous income. He is also the owner of a fine private residence and the building in which the postoffice and barber shop are located.

On the 20th of May, 1888, Mr. Reeve was united in marriage to Miss Lela S. Hulen, of Edwardsport, a daughter of Simpson Hulen. Six chil-

dren have blessed this marriage: Helen E., a teacher in the local schools; Roscoe H., also a teacher in the local schools; Bruce B.; Margaret; Virgil K.; and David Gordon, all living at home.

Mr. Reeve is a staunch supporter of the democratic party and a member of the advisory board of the township. He and his wife and his two eldest children hold membership in the Christian church, of which he is a trustee and elder. Socially he is identified with the Masonic fraternity and is senior warden and trustee of the lodge. He has passed through all the chairs of the subordinate lodge and encampment of Odd Fellows and is a valued member of the Tribe of Ben Hur. He is an intelligent and useful citizen and by a life of industry and good judgment he has won his way to a prominent place in the community. The success he has attained is a striking illustration of the possibilities that await any young man who is willing to deny himself during his earlier years in order that he may possess an abundance later in life.

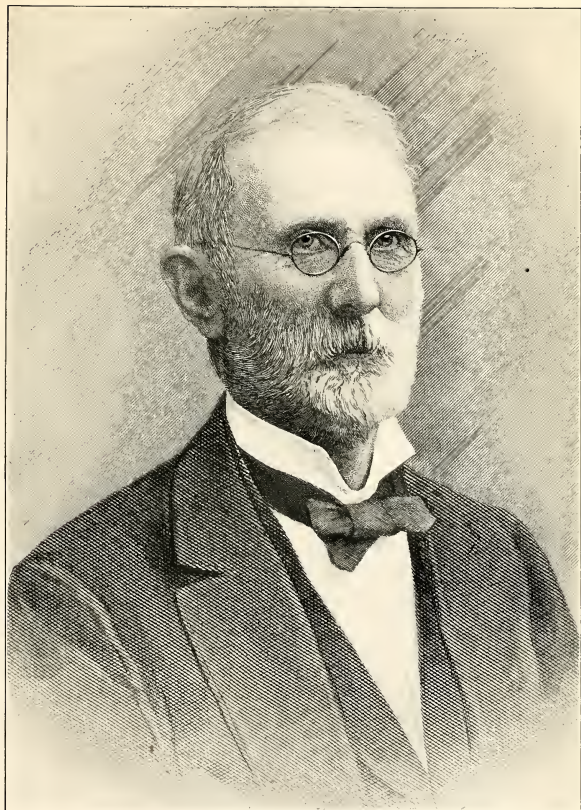
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### JOHN H. RABB, M. D.

Thirteen years have passed since Dr. John H. Rabb was called from this life, but his memory is yet cherished by all who knew him and his influence remains as a potent force for good among those who were his associates while he was still an active factor in the world's work. So energetic and capable was he in business, so loyal in citizenship, so faithful in friendship, that he came to be regarded as one of the most valued and honored residents of Knox county. His friends because of their warm affection and high regard for him felt at his death

"He was a man. Take him for all in all  
I shall not look upon his like again."

It was on the 6th of April, 1830, in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, that Dr. Rabb was born, a son of James and Frances (Weaver) Rabb, who were married at Lawrenceburg, March 12, 1827. The father, born in Staunton, Virginia, in 1805, was a Virginia gentleman of the old school and distinctively belonged to that type of men all his life. He followed merchandising. His wife was also of southern parentage. In his early childhood John H. Rabb accompanied his parents on their removal to Warsaw, Kentucky, where he grew to manhood. He was educated at Hanover and graduated in medicine at Louisville, Kentucky, where he began practice. He was married at Aberdeen, Ohio, January 10, 1853, to Susan E. Sinclair, of Lexington, Kentucky, and in 1854 they removed to Russellville, Illinois, where they resided until 1859. In that year they came to Vincennes and Dr. Rabb was closely identified with the business interests and development and progress of the city until his demise. While following his profession he was



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a close student of the science of medicine and did everything in his power to promote his efficiency in practice. He soon became recognized as a particularly able physician and was accorded an extensive patronage. He saw and embraced many opportunities for charitable and benevolent service and it is told of him that upon one occasion he was called from his home in Russellville to attend a very sick man on the Indiana side, near Oaktown. At that time the Wabash bottom was nearly all uncultivated and fever and ague in most distressing forms poisoned every one living in or near that locality. Upon this occasion Dr. Rabb was called into every house he passed on his way from his patient to his home, administering to the ill in six or seven different homes. Finally, near the bank of the river, he came to a poor woman seated by the roadside with a sick babe in her arms. She had heard that he would pass that way and had walked more than a mile to obtain his help. Dr. Rabb thought the child was dying but administered medicine and gave more to the mother to take home with her. He supposed the little sufferer would soon be at rest in death but a few months afterward the happy mother came to his office with her child entirely healed to thank him for his kindness. He always said the recollection of this incident was one of the happiest of his life and yet countless other good deeds which he did could be related. He was ever willing to extend a helping hand and many bear evidence of his benevolence and kindly consideration.

Dr. Rabb was enjoying a large and lucrative practice when a fall from his horse so lamed him that he could no longer pursue his profession and he turned his attention to merchandising in Vincennes. From the beginning he prospered in the new undertaking, from time to time enlarged his stock and enjoyed for long years a large and profitable business, which he carried on from 1859 until 1872. In the latter year he was elected to the presidency of the First National Bank of Vincennes and for twenty-six years continued as its chief executive head. He closely applied himself to the business of building up the bank and expanding its connections and the progressive policies which he inaugurated were always tempered by a safe conservatism that made the bank one of the most reliable financial institutions of southern Indiana. Into other fields he also extended his efforts, for he was a man of resourceful ability and enterprise. He became president of the Citizens Gas Light Company and a stockholder in many other companies to which he gave his energies as an officer. He was exceedingly modest and forbearing in his manner and it is said of him that at meetings of officers, where grave questions of business policy and conduct were considered, he would listen with patient interest to the views of others, even when he knew those views were radically wrong, and yet show no sign of weariness and dissent. Finally, however, he would review the situation in so kind and considerate a manner and so clearly and forcibly that the most unreasonable would at once yield to his better judgment.



As the years passed seven children were added to the family of Dr. and Mrs. Rabb: Sallie A., who died in 1897; Susan G., who died in 1889; Fannie B., who died in 1861; David, who died in 1865; Sada Ross, the wife of James Wade Emison, of Vincennes; John H., of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Kate V., the wife of Dr. W. B. Ridgeway, of Vincennes.

In 1859 Dr. Rabb united with the Presbyterian church, of which he was a trustee for forty years. He was devoted to its welfare, sought its upbuilding and growth, contributed generously to its support and cooperated in its various activities, yet he was too broad-minded to manifest a narrow sectarianism and believed that there was good in all churches and the possibility of good in every individual. He rejoiced in any work or organized effort that counted as an asset for moral progress and religious development. He was a stalwart advocate of the cause of education and for a long period served on the board of trustees of the Vincennes University. He rejoiced too in the growth and progress of the city, was vice president of the Board of Trade and cooperated in all of its movements for the benefit and upbuilding of Vincennes. No death in Vincennes in years has occasioned more extended or uniform sorrow than the passing of Dr. Rabb.

One of the local papers said of him: "No man has died in Vincennes whose life has been more fruitful of good and so barren of evil. His generous hand was open to the poor, his wise advice and conduct a constant example for emulation to everyone; and his life work an enduring monument more permanent than brass or marble. Very many places are left and will remain vacant; and yet, the study and knowledge of his life, and character, will aid all who strive to be good and useful. Standing in the presence of the lamented dead, it is not all sorrow; there is so much of helpfulness and comfort to have known him and to have enjoyed his society and friendship that we can but feel a sense of grateful indebtedness to him and a sense of subdued happiness in remembering that he was our friend. Before the dread hour came to him he felt that his life work was done and well done and he did not therefore experience that keen sorrow that he would have felt otherwise at the parting from his family and friends. He felt that his future was more secure to him than the past. That it was all right with him. His life was such that one might well suppose he had profited by the lines of America's greatest poet:

'So live, that when the summons come to join  
The innumerable caravan which moves  
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take  
His chamber in the silent halls of death,  
Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night,  
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed  
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave  
Like one that wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.' "



Dr. Rabb's business associates bore testimony to his high character as well as to his ability. In its memorial the Citizens Gas Light Company said: "His intelligent and upright discharge of the duties of his office were invaluable and yet performed without compensation. We feel the loss keenly in a business sense and yet count that small as compared to the loss borne by the community in the many relations he sustained. As president of the First National Bank, as a member of the board of trustees of the Vincennes University, as vice president of the Board of Trade and as a counsellor and friend to many business institutions and individuals his loss will be felt everywhere. . . . He gave to the public and private alike his unselfish and able efforts to accomplish the best purpose attainable."

At a meeting held to take action concerning the death of Dr. Rabb the directors of the First National Bank prepared a memorial in which it was said: "He became president of this bank September 15, 1871, and continued until his death. His administration of this great trust was marked by signal ability and integrity throughout. He was a business manager of care, skill and broad judgment. His policy was conservative, keeping on safe ground and avoiding hazardous risks. His ambition was to have the bank conducted on lines which would meet the views of prudent men, rather than to dazzle by large profits, and so it has proved that in all the varying fortune of the banking business for more than twenty-six years there has been no 'run' on the bank, no danger at any time of its entire soundness and solvency. His character for probity, truth and honorable dealing brought lasting business friends and patrons and won and retained the respect of all engaged in like business. No one ever heard him say a disrespectful word of any other bank nor attempt to interfere with their business.

"His example as a business man, friend, neighbor and gentleman won the respect and confidence of all who knew him. We have just returned from the grave where we helped to lay him at rest and in sadness at the parting we still record our pleasant recollection of the banker, gentleman friend of so many years of association and feel stronger and better because of our knowledge of him. In the strongest possible terms we hereby record our testimony of his worth in the largest and broadest manly qualities possible for any one to possess. To his family we tender our deep sympathy in their sorrow and venture to remind them that notwithstanding their irreparable loss they will always have a treasure of priceless value in the character of him who has gone from them for a brief season only."

When death came to him impressive funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. George Knox, the University cadets acting as a guard of honor, while the University trustees attended the services in a body. In their memorial record they testified "to his amiable and manly qualities and virtues, as he was a true friend, public-spirited citizen and model husband and father. . . . He was a wise counsellor and had a sympathetic heart for the bereaved, and an open purse for the needy." The Vincennes Commercial said: "In his life we see the

brilliant lesson of the value of character. He was a man in whom every one could trust. His integrity and his sturdy honesty were his most prominent characteristics. He was progressive, active and enterprising. He was ever ready to encourage the worthy and his life work had always been conducted on such lines as drew around him the people who depended upon him for advice, encouragement and sympathy. In all his life the grand and lofty character of the man was revealed. In this community he stood unquestioned, perfect as men go and unswerving in his loyalty to principle. Honor was accorded him among all classes. His fidelity to his trust, his loyalty to his friends, his love for the good, his respect for the community and his sympathy for the distressed—all these broadened his nature to the extent that those who knew him learned to love him with a devotion that never faltered."

Dr. Rabb was a man extremely comely in appearance and of winning and courtly manners. He belonged to that type of men whose personal appearance, moral courage and manly conduct always gain for them the confidence, respect and love of those who knew them. He was a leader of public sentiment in Vincennes and Knox county and the champion of every righteous cause. In politics a republican, he was active in the councils of the party but never sought or wished for office. At the time of the Civil war he was a stalwart champion of the Union cause and a warm admirer of Lincoln, but physically was incapacitated for service at the front. It has been said that no man ever lived in Knox county who had more friends and fewer enemies. He had the gentleness of a woman, the courage of a soldier and all the qualities which humankind adore.

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#### HON. WILLIAM H. VOLLMER.

In an enumeration of those men who have conferred honor and dignity upon the state which has honored them mention should be made of William H. Vollmer, who in November, 1910, was elected to the office of state treasurer. His worth as a man and citizen had already been proven in many connections. That he has mastered many of the problems of finance is indicated in the fact that he is successfully managing the Citizens Trust Company as its president and is showing equally capable control of other important business concerns. The expression of public approval as given him in his election to his present office is therefore fully justified in his past record.

Mr. Vollmer was born in Knox county, Indiana, October 24, 1856, a son of Frederick J. and Hannah Vollmer. He spent his youthful days upon his father's farm and pursued his education in the country schools until 1872, when he put aside his text-books to enter business life, becoming a clerk in a retail grocery store. Carefully saving his earnings until the sum was sufficient to enable him to embark in business on his own account, he established

a grocery in 1888 in partnership with William F. Recker, under the firm name of Vollmer & Recker. The new enterprise proved successful from the beginning. The partners were capable business men, energetic and determined, and their close application also constituted an element in the growth of their trade.

Mr. Vollmer continued actively in business until 1896, when he was elected county treasurer, to which position he was reelected in 1898, filling the office for four years and thus completing a most satisfactory record as the custodian of the public funds of Knox county. On his retirement from office he formed a partnership with C. C. Winkler for the conduct of a commission business, under the firm name of Vollmer & Winkler. This firm is still in existence and the partners are numbered among the prominent and prosperous commission merchants of Vincennes. Extending his efforts into other fields. Mr. Vollmer became president of the Citizens Trust Company and likewise has voice in the management of the Home Telephone Company, having been elected to its presidency. Although a multiplicity of affairs claims his time and energies he has so carefully systematized his interests and surrounded himself with such an able corps of assistants that all of his business interests are capably managed and conducted. The ability which he has displayed in various connections both in the management of individual financial affairs and of public finances and the active part which he has taken in political circles naturally led to his selection for the state democratic candidacy for treasurer and at the election in November, 1910, he received the endorsement of the public in a good majority.

In Vincennes, on the 3d of May, 1881, Mr. Vollmer was married to Miss Julia L. Ritterskamp. Their only child, Oscar, who was born December 25, 1895, departed this life July 23, 1901. Both Mr. and Mrs. Vollmer hold membership in the German Evangelical church and he belongs also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Pastime Club. He has a wide acquaintance among leading men of the state and by all is held in high regard but in Vincennes, the city of his residence, he comes in closer contact with his fellowmen through warm and enduring friendships.

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### LOUIS KUTTER.

Louis Kutter is a self-made man whose advancement is attributable entirely to his close application and earnest purpose. He is now taking contracts for house-moving and is also at the head of the Louis Kutter Cement Block Company, conducting business at the corner of Seventh and Hickman streets. A native of Indiana, he was born in Daviess county, on the 19th of March, 1874, and is a son of Andrew and Martha Kutter. The family name indicates the German ancestry and it was in the land of the kaiser that Andrew Kutter was born and reared, pursuing his education there and com-

ing as a young man to the new world. He made his way at once into the interior of the country, settling in Martin county, Indiana, where he turned his attention to farming and also engaged in teaming. He made investment in land and as the result of his hard work, his unfaltering perseverance and his determination he met with a substantial measure of success. He conformed his life to the teachings of the Catholic church, of which he was long a faithful member.

Louis Kutter spent his youthful days in his native county and was sent as a pupil to the public schools, while later he continued his studies in the schools of Olney, Illinois. He started out in business on his own account when a youth of sixteen years, beginning work as a common laborer. He was employed at house-moving and after a time he began that business on his own account in Vincennes. He has carried on the business for four years and is the leading contractor in that line in the state. He has extended the scope of his activities by purchasing a plant for the manufacture of cement blocks at the corner of Seventh and Hickman streets. This is also the largest undertaking of the kind in the city and the business is carefully managed by Mr. Kutter, whose energy and close application are making of it a profitable undertaking. The plant is well equipped and both lines of his business are growing.

On the 20th of May, 1896, occurred the marriage of Mr. Kutter and Miss Margaret Bowling, a native of Olney, Illinois, and a daughter of Wiley and Martha (Clark) Bowling. This marriage has been blessed with five children: Carrie, Lena and Charles, all of whom are attending school; Andrew, who is now deceased; and Edward, who completes the family.

Mr. Kutter holds membership with the Tribe of Ben Hur and is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His has been an active and useful life and whatever success he has achieved is attributable to his own labors and perseverance. He early realized the fact that industry is an indispensable element of success and he has worked earnestly and with determination to win his advancement. Today he is at the head of business interests that are bringing him good return and his genuine worth and thorough reliability are also gaining for him the confidence, good-will and esteem of his fellow townsmen.

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#### MARTIN HOGUE.

Martin Hogue, who is conducting a flour and feed business at No. 1008 North Eighth street, was born in Palmyra, Knox county, on the 21st of February, 1872, a son of M. B. and Margaret (Thompson) Hogue. The family has been represented in this part of the state from early pioneer times and its members have always borne a helpful part in sustaining the best interests of the community and promoting progressive citizenship. The

father was born in what is still known as the old Hogue homestead in this county. For many years he engaged in business as a manufacturer of concrete blocks but is now living retired, his success in former years being sufficient to enable him to put aside the more active cares of business life and rest in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former labor.

Martin Hogue pursued his education in the country schools and his training was thorough, qualifying him for the transaction of business in later life. In his youthful days he worked on the farm with his father but at length left the old home and spent three years in teaming in Vincennes. He then purchased the flour and feed business of which he is now proprietor, becoming the owner about two years ago. In the interval he has built up a good trade and is now well established in a successful and growing business.

On the 27th of October, 1896, Mr. Hogue was united in marriage to Miss Finley Mae Cross, a daughter of Thomas and Charlotte (Carnes) Cross. This marriage has been blessed with two interesting daughters, Meredith M. and Charlotte M., both attending school. The parents hold membership in the Presbyterian church and are deeply interested in its welfare and progress. Mr. Hogue has always lived in this county and the fact that his life has ever been an upright one is proven in that his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

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#### CHARLES ALBERT PAUL.

Charles A. Paul, a prominent music dealer of Vincennes, is not a man to yield to discouragement. Obstacles arouse the latent energies of some men and he belongs to that number and as a result has attained an enviable position in the business world. He is a native of the Keystone state—a state that has contributed many of her sons whose energy and ability have in an important degree assisted in the upbuilding of the west. His eyes first opened to the light of day in Hydetown, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1875. He is the son of James Edward and Dorothy (Ingerson) Paul, both natives of New York state, the former of whom was born in Williamstown in 1845 and was a lumberman. The paternal grandfather, John Riley Paul, was born in New York state in 1823 and members of the family have attained deserved prominence in various parts of the country. Upon the maternal side the ancestry has been traced to General Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary war fame, the great-grandmother of our subject having been a member of the Putnam family. It may also be stated that General Merritt, who gained a world-wide reputation fighting under the stars and stripes in the Civil war, was a first cousin of Dorothy (Ingerson) Paul. By virtue of her ancestry she is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and served as a delegate to the national convention of that organization in 1908.

She is the mother of two sons: John R., now living at Mina, Nevada; and Charles Albert.

The subject of this review received his preliminary education in the public schools and later entered a school of pharmacy at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1891. After leaving college he established himself in the drug business at Newburg, Indiana, and continued for two years, at the end of which time he moved his stock to Petersburg, Indiana, where he also opened a music store. In 1900 a destructive fire visited the town, totally destroying Mr. Paul's drug store, and in 1901 he came to Vincennes and established himself in the music business on Second street. Upon the completion of the new La Plante building he removed to commodious rooms in that structure which he now occupies and where he conducts the largest music store in this part of the country, carrying a carefully selected stock of musical merchandise and instruments which meet the demands of many patrons. He is special representative in this part of the state for the Peerless and Sublima Regina Electric Pianos and also is interested in the music business at the town of Bridgeport.

In 1899 Mr. Paul was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Smith, a daughter of Dr. Elwood and Catherine (Barter) Smith, the former of whom is a native of Petersburg, Indiana, and the latter of Mount Vernon. Dr. Smith is one of the well known dentists of the state and has served as president of the Tri-State Dental Association and also under Governor Hovey as president of the state board of dental examiners. One son, Charles Riley, born in 1900, has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul.

Socially Mr. Paul is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, but his friends are not all limited to a membership of fraternal organizations. Accommodating in disposition and genial in manner, he makes friends wherever he is known, and as an upright and honorable business man he has the confidence of his associates and of the public generally.

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### JOHN W. EMISON, SR.

Perhaps no life record in this volume stands in stronger refutation to commonly accepted belief that success and an honored name may not be won simultaneously, for throughout his life John W. Emison, Sr., sustained an unassailable character and at the same time won large success through his extensive operations in farming and milling. His holdings of farm lands at the time of his demise exceeded those of any other man in Knox county. He was a lifelong resident of this county and, while carefully conducting his private business affairs, he was always quick to lend his aid and influence to any project or movement for the general good. His birth occurred on the 12th of January, 1829, on a farm nine miles northeast of Vincennes,



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in Knox county, which in the year 1790 became the property of his maternal grandfather, the Rev. Richard Posey, who in that year left the state of South Carolina and removed to Indiana for the purpose of freeing his slaves. Journeying westward to Knox county, he became one of the pioneers of this region and the farm which he developed is still in possession of his descendants. It was the birthplace of his daughter, Elizabeth Posey, who on reaching womanhood gave her hand in marriage to William W. C. Emison. For more than a century the name of Emison has been connected with the history of Vincennes and western Indiana. The family name was originally spelled Emerson. The first Emisons of whom we have record were two brothers who settled at Georgetown, Kentucky, in the eighteenth century, and among their descendants are those who are residents of Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri and Texas. The family was founded in Knox county, Indiana, by Thomas Emison, the grandfather of John W. Emison, who left his Kentucky home in 1804 and settled on Mariah creek in what is now Knox county. He bore active part in the early development and progress of this region when it was still a part of the Northwest Territory, the family being here represented for a number of years before Indiana's admission into the Union in 1816.

William W. C. Emison, also a native of Knox county, was born in 1804, a short distance from the Posey homestead. He became a farmer and tanner by trade and for many years resided upon the farm where his wife's birth occurred. It was there they reared their family, including John W. Emison, who in the days of his boyhood and youth devoted his attention largely to the work of the fields and to other tasks incident to farm life, having little opportunity for the acquirement of an education, for the public school system had not been developed then and subscription schools held their sessions only at irregular intervals. He was, however, a self-educated man, remaining throughout life a student of men and events and gaining from his daily experiences the lessons which made him a practical and forceful man of affairs.

On attaining his majority John W. Emison turned his attention to farming and milling and followed those pursuits throughout his entire life yet also extended his efforts to stock-raising and merchandising. In the latter connection he handled dry goods, groceries and clothing, lumber and timber. His first milling experience was at Bruceville and later he secured a mill at Wheatland, where he also turned his attention to merchandising, becoming a partner of Hugh Barr in the ownership and conduct of a store. For about twenty years he and Mr. Barr were in partnership and throughout the entire period the most harmonious relations existed between them. In connection with the conduct of the gristmill Mr. Emison had sawmills in operation and dealt in black walnut lumber. He was a man of notably sound business judgment and discrimination and his investments were most judiciously made. As the years passed by he kept adding to his landed possessions until his farm property aggregated nearly four thousand acres. In

his later years he devoted much of his time to the study and application of scientific farming and his leadership in this regard constituted an element in the improvement of farm methods practiced in Knox county.

In 1857 Mr. Emison was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Amelia Dunning and they became the parents of eight children: James Wade, now a prominent lawyer of Vincennes; John W., merchant and postmaster of Vincennes; Hugh Ash, who is filling the position of assistant postmaster; Mattie E., the wife of Henry C. Barr, of Princeton, Indiana; Lizzie, the wife of Frank M. Harris of Princeton; William C., Frank D. and Sarah A., all of whom died in infancy. The wife and mother died in 1874 and in 1876 Mr. Emison married Miss Anna M. Shugart, of Knox county, who survived him and who still lives in the city of Vincennes.

In the meantime, when the Civil war was in progress, Mr. Emison with patriotic spirit offered his services to the Union but was rejected on account of the condition of his health. Not allowed to go to the front, he bent every effort toward aiding the Union at home by constantly looking after the wives and children and others dependent upon those who were bearing arms at the front. Mr. Emison was at all times a public-spirited citizen and cooperated in many movements and projects for the benefit of his home community and the county at large. He was one of but two men in his township who in 1856 voted for John C. Fremont and he remained a stalwart supporter of the republican party from its organization until his death, which occurred on the 16th of March, 1888. In early manhood he became a member of the Methodist church and was ever an active worker in its behalf and a generous contributor to its support, doing all in his power to further its interests and extend its upbuilding. He never sought nor desired office, although his fellow citizens would undoubtedly have elected him to any position which he might have cared to fill in the county and community in which he lived. Against his will he was chosen president of the fair association and was filling that position at the time of his demise.

Mr. Barr, for many years his partner and business associate, said of Mr. Emison: "In all my dealings with him there never was a bad feeling between us, never one word that was harsh or short, and I was with him for thirty-five years. He was always a sober, moral and agreeable man. To know him was to love him. A truer man never lived. I cannot say enough about him to do him justice. Everything can be said in his favor, and I know nothing against him." A local paper characterized Mr. Emison as "one of our purest and most highly respected and influential citizens. He was known and loved by everybody and his sterling worth and stanch integrity were recognized everywhere. Quiet and unostentatious, he won the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He was conscientious almost to a fault and strict and straightforward in all of his dealings. In his death Knox county loses a most noble, generous, progressive citizen." Mr. Emison was about fifty-nine years of age when he was called from this life. It seemed that many more years of usefulness might

have been spared him, yet in the years allotted him he accomplished much more than does many a man who passes the Psalmist's span of three score and ten. His splendid business success was the result of his own well directed effort and determination. He started out in life empty handed but possessed laudable ambition and resolute will and by the improvement of the opportunities which came to him—opportunities that others might have utilized had they so desired—he reached a conspicuous position among the successful business men of Knox county and at no time was his business honor assailable. Patriotic and loyal in citizenship and faithful in friendships, devoted at all times to the best interests of his family, he stood as a high type of noble Christian manhood.

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### MERLE C. LOUCKS.

Merle C. Loucks, a rising young attorney of Bicknell, has already won a measure of success as a legal practitioner that augurs well for the future. His birth occurred in Potter county, Pennsylvania, on the 13th of June, 1885, his parents being William and Carrie (Plagman) Loucks. The father, a native of New York, was successfully engaged in business as an architect of Brooklyn throughout his active career but during the past ten years has lived retired at Ulysses, Pennsylvania. He is descended from a prominent English family, his father having been a native of the Merrie isle and a millwright by trade. Although of English descent, William Loucks speaks German, French and Spanish, having familiarized himself with these different tongues in order that he might the more ably discharge his business transactions. The representatives of our subject's family are, as a class, masters of trades and professional men. The mother of M. C. Loucks is of German extraction. Her children were five in number, as follows: Merle C., of this review; Lulu, who is deceased; Harry, an architect by profession, who is now a United States government photographer; Nellie, who is fifteen years of age; and Lucille, a little maiden of five summers.

Merle C. Loucks attended the graded schools until fourteen years of age and then entered the high school, being graduated therefrom when a youth of seventeen. During the following two years he pursued his studies at the State Normal School of Pennsylvania and then, coming west, entered the State University of Indiana, from which institution he was graduated on the 3d of June, 1908, having devoted four years and nine months to the study of law. For two successive years of that time he won first honors at the oratorical contests. After completing his law studies he returned east and successfully passed an examination in New York city, being licensed to practice in the state and federal courts. He followed his profession at Galeton, Pennsylvania, for two months and then came to Bicknell, Indiana, locating here not alone in order to build up a clientage but also in pursuance

of private interests. His success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is felicitous and clear in argument, thoroughly in earnest, full of vigor of conviction, never abusive of his adversaries, imbued with highest courtesy, and yet a foe worthy of the steel of the most able opponent.

On the 25th of December, 1909, Mr. Loucks was united in marriage to Miss Mae Fox, a daughter of Milton Fox, one of Vigo township's most influential agriculturists. Fraternally Mr. Loucks is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Ulysses, Pennsylvania, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Brooklyn, New York. He is popular in professional and social circles alike, winning the regard and friendship of all with whom he comes in contact.

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### JOSEPH B. KELSO.

Joseph B. Kelso has reached the venerable age of eighty years. He was formerly closely and actively identified with farming and gardening but is now practically living retired and has disposed of much of his property, although he still retains some of his land. His parents were William and Julia (Hogue) Kelso, who have long since passed away. The former was a native of County Cork, Ireland. Joseph B. Kelso pursued his education in one of the old-time schoolhouses of this locality and even in his school days became an active factor in the work of the home farm, aiding in the labors of the fields during the summer months and also in the morning and evening when school was not in session. In early manhood he worked for his father by the month and afterward when the railroad was built through this section of the country he secured employment in connection with its construction. Subsequently, however, he returned to farming and at first rented land, living in a two-room house. In time this prosperity enabled him to purchase property and afterward he bought and sold land as he had opportunity but has now disposed of all of his holdings save the place upon which he resides. He followed farming and gardening, giving his attention to the production of cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also to the raising of vegetables for the market. This work, in addition to his speculation in property, brought him a substantial income.

In March, 1861, Mr. Kelso was united in marriage to Miss Martha Jane Hollingsworth, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Palmer) Hollingsworth. Her death occurred in 1888 and two of their five children are now deceased, the youngest having died in infancy, while W. H. Kelso, who was the third of the family, has also passed away. Of those living, Charles Samuel married Lizzie Scott, who died leaving four children, Stella, Martha, Edith and Katie. Emma is the wife of Charles Bridgeman and has one daughter,

Martha Jane. Ellis T. is married and has seven children: Emma, Anna L., Fred, Lloyd, Bess, Joseph V. and Charles I.

Mr. Kelso has served as a trustee of Vincennes township, but has not sought office, preferring to devote his time and energies to his business affairs up to his retirement a few years ago. He has long been a devoted and faithful member of the Presbyterian church and his life, honorable and upright, has gained for him the warm regard, confidence and good will of his fellowmen and made him in the evening of his days one of the most respected as well as one of the most venerable citizens of Vincennes.

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### JOSEPH R. ENLEY.

For nearly thirty-five years a resident of Knox county, Joseph R. Enley has attained a position as one of its respected and responsible citizens. This position he has gained by a life of industry and by the application of common sense and sound management in business affairs that has made him one of the prosperous farmers of his locality. He was born in Pike county, Indiana, October 19, 1853. His father, Joseph R. Enley, was born in England and came to the United States with his parents in his boyhood, the family locating in Pike county, Indiana. He was a miller by trade, but engaged principally in farming and became a highly successful farmer. He was married to Elizabeth Chappel and eight children were born to them, the subject of this review being the youngest of the family.

Joseph R. Enley removed with his parents to Daviess county and later went to Warrick county, this state, coming to Knox county in 1876, when he was twenty-three years of age. He was well versed in agriculture and stock-raising and, believing that this county offered superior inducements, he purchased forty acres of land in Harrison township, which he farmed for three years, and then acquired one hundred and forty acres on section 16, Steen township, where he lived for twelve years. At the end of this time he purchased one hundred and three acres in donation 85 and still lives on that place. He is now owner of one hundred and eighty-eight acres of land in Knox county and three hundred and twenty acres in Randolph county, Arkansas. He is a man of industrious habits and good judgment and has prospered greatly in his operations. He owns one of the highly improved farms of the township, which is provided with every facility for carrying on an up-to-date farm.

In March, 1878, Mr. Enley was united in marriage to Miss Mary Adams, and five children were born to them, four of whom are now living: Luella, now Mrs. Arthur Small and the mother of six children; William F.; Sylvester; and Sarah F. The wife and mother having departed this life in 1888, Mr. Enley in 1889 was married to Samantha Small, of Knox county. One child, who died in infancy, was born to them and Mrs. Enley was called

away in 1891. Mr. Enley was a third time married in 1892, the lady of his choice being Miss Vina E. McClure and they are the parents of seven children, Dewey T., Lela, Lucinda, Edith, Irma, Joseph R., Jr., and Miriam.

Mr. Enley casts his ballot with the republican party and socially is connected with the Tribe of Ben Hur. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which for many years he has been an active worker and an officer, now serving as trustee. His best friends are those with whom he has been most closely related and that is a good recommendation for any man. He has accepted as principles of his life to make his word as good as his bond and to deal justly, let the consequences be what they may. The result proves that his principles are correct and it would be difficult, indeed, to imagine a higher ideal.

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### LOUIS A. FREDERICK.

Louis A. Frederick, a dealer in coal has won for himself a creditable measure of success through close application to business and strict conformity to a high standard of commercial ethics. He is also well known in fraternal and political circles, in both of which his influence has been felt. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and his education was acquired in the schools of his native city, and there he learned the trade of car repairing. Subsequently he went to Jeffersonville, Indiana, where he was employed at his trade for some time, and afterward removed to Indianapolis. From the capital city he came to Vincennes as car inspector for the Vandalia Railroad in 1885. He filled the position for five years, and then with the capital which he had acquired through his industry and economical expenditures, he embarked in business of his own account in 1890 as a dealer in coal. In the twenty years which have elapsed he has built up a business of gratifying proportions, having many patrons who have given him their business support through much of this period—a fact which indicates his thorough reliability in all trade transactions.

In 1885 Mr. Frederick was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Lewe of Indianapolis, and they became the parents of twelve children, but James, the second, and Esther and Henry, who were the seventh and eighth in order of birth are all now deceased. Of the nine still living, Charles, the eldest, has had charge of his father's business for the past eight years. He was born on the 9th of January, 1886, in Vincennes, and early received business training in connection with the coal trade. He has always worked with his father and is still active in the management and control of the sales of the coal yard. The other members of the family are Damon, Pythias, Helen, Orville, Theodore, Morris, George, and Mary.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and in that faith have reared their family. Mr. Frederick is also very prominent in fra-

ternal circles, holding membership in several different organizations, including the Knights of Pythias, of which he is a past chancellor; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Tribe of Ben Hur; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. At one time he was connected with the Maccabees and with the Travelers Protective Association, but is not affiliated with the last two at the present time. He has never been a politician in the usual sense of office seeking; he has served as county commissioner for three years. He is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and when his aid is needed in behalf of any public measure, it is freely given. His record is that of the self-made man, for from the outset of his business career he has depended upon his own exertions for his advancement, and his energy and laudable ambition have constituted the salient forces which have brought him to the position of affluence which he now occupies.

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### JOHN J. MURPHY.

John J. Murphy, one of the well known business men of Vincennes, was born in Wisconsin, July 8, 1861, and is a son of William and Julia (Gleeson) Murphy, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father was born about 1836 and, like many sons of Erin who have sought fortune in a distant clime, he came to America. He was married in New York city and seven children were born to him and his wife, three of whom are now living: Anna, who is the widow of Harry Wilson and lives in Chicago; Ellen, now Mrs. S. H. Kaufmann, of Chicago; and John J., the subject of this review.

Educated in the common schools of Wisconsin, John J. Murphy later learned the distilling business, to which his father devoted his attention for many years and in which he was very successful. In attaining a thorough knowledge of a difficult occupation to which he had determined to devote his life, John J. Murphy was identified with plants in Peoria, Illinois; Baltimore, Maryland; St. Louis, Missouri; and Chicago. In 1898 he came to Vincennes and was with the Interstate Distilling Company until three years ago, at which time the Murphy Distilling Company was founded, of which he is president and which is now recognized as one of the flourishing enterprises of western Indiana. The plant over which Mr. Murphy presides has a capacity of two thousand bushels of grain per day and gives employment to about thirty-five men. The product is shipped to leading distributing points of the middle west, among them St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville and Pittsburg.

In 1904 Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Ellen McCarthy, who is a native of Knox county and was born in 1871. She is a daughter of Peter McCarthy, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are members of the Roman Catholic church and, having no children of their own, are rearing two children who were left orphans by the death



of a sister of Mrs. Murphy. Through this kind act these children possess the advantages of a pleasant home and opportunities of training and education that are so important in shaping a happy and successful life.

Mr. Murphy has been for many years identified with the democratic party and takes the interest of an upright citizen in the success of candidates that he considers most worthy of the support of a thoughtful voter. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Country and Pastime Clubs. His faith in the growth of Vincennes is indicated by liberal investment in real estate and, as is shown above, he is a man of genial social instincts, of marked business ability and one who would have scored a success in any industry to which he might have devoted his attention.

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### GEORGE W. MACKEY.

George W. Mackey, who lives in Bicknell and is one of the flourishing business men of Knox county, was born in Daviess county, Indiana, July 31, 1868. He is a son of John and Mary B. (Watson) Mackey, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in Daviess county. The father came to Daviess county when quite a young man and lived there until 1875, when he located on a farm near Edwardsport, Indiana, where he died in 1878. The mother departed this life at Bicknell in 1907. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mackey: John Emery, deceased; James Henry, now a coal miner at Bicknell; Catherine, the wife of John Ashby, a farmer of Vigo township, Knox county; Andrew Jackson, deceased; Lizzie, who become the wife of Thomas Donaldson and is now deceased; George W., our subject; Edward, of Sullivan county, this state; Charles, now engaged in coal mining at Bicknell; and Jessie, deceased.

The subject of this review was educated in the county schools of Daviess county and later spent two terms in the Edwardsport schools, finishing in the public schools of Bicknell. After laying his books aside he entered the mines and continued working there for five or six years, then engaging in the transfer business. However, he was again attracted to mining and for two years served as boss driver for the Knox mine. The transfer business held out a beckoning hand and he has since followed his present vocation. The business is conducted under the firm name of Mackey & Sons and has been very successful, the firm now owning sixteen head of horses, six transfer wagons, five farm wagons and four hacks, and its name is a synonym in the community for promptness and efficiency. Our subject also owns a concrete block factory and a commodious home and two town lots in Bicknell. The concrete block factory has proven a valuable accession to the business interests of the town, as is evidenced by the amount of cement work which is being done on the streets and in connection with private residences.



In 1890 Mr. Mackey was united in marriage to Miss Rana Hollingsworth, of Linton, Indiana, and eight children have blessed their home, Lewis, Edgar, Guy, Lelan, Mark, George, Vernice and Margaret. The oldest son is now engaged in the mines.

Mr. Mackey is not identified with any religious denomination, but his wife is a worthy member of the Christian church. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Modern Woodmen of America, all of Bicknell. Politically he is allied with the republican party and is a stanch advocate of its principles. He has made a practical demonstration in his career of what may be accomplished by one who is willing to devote the time and energy necessary in establishing a substantial business in an intelligent community. In building up his business he has also acquired a high character for efficiency and progressiveness, which are important aids in any man's career.

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#### MAURICE G. MOORE, M. D.

The medical profession at Vincennes claims many able and conscientious followers, among whom Dr. Maurice G. Moore occupies an honorable position. The son of a physician, he very early become acquainted with a calling to which he has devoted the best energies of his life. He is a graduate of three institutions of learning and, as he has from his boyhood been a close observer and a constant student, he has acquired a large amount of information which he has been able practically to apply in a profession that calls for the highest ability in its advocates and constantly urges them forward to new conquests.

Dr. Moore was born in Vincennes, December 18, 1871. His father, Dr. R. G. Moore, was born in Boone county, this state, in 1837, and as a medical practitioner gained an enviable reputation. The mother, Sarah Celine (Burns) Moore, was born in Ripley county, Indiana, in 1844. There were five children in the family, three of whom are deceased and two are now living: Charles Anna, now Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, of Bloomington, Indiana; and the subject of this review.

Dr. Maurice G. Moore gained his early education in the public schools of Knox county, later attending Vincennes University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1888. He then entered the State University at Bloomington, Indiana, graduating with the degree of A. B. in 1890. His medical studies were pursued at Jefferson Medical College, a noted institution of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1894. He took a post-graduate course at the New York Post Graduate College of New York city and ever since entering upon his profession has kept in close touch with the latest developments in medicine and surgery. He has practiced in this city since 1894, making a specialty of

surgery, although he also has a general practice which occupies a goodly portion of his time. He is a constant reader of the best medical journals and is often called in consultation by brother members of the profession. The large patronage which for years has been attracted to him is a just tribute to earnest and conscientious attention to a profession in which success is purchased only by daily self-sacrifice and at the cost of complete devotion to its service.

In 1894 Dr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Flora B. Krueger, of Bloomington, Indiana. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Kruger. Two children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Moore, one of whom is now deceased. Robert G., the surviving child, is attending the public schools. He was born March 1, 1898.

Dr. Moore is a member of the American Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Society, the Knox County Medical Society and the Lancet Club, of Vincennes, the latter being a social and scientific organization. He has acted as secretary and also as president of the Knox County Medical Society and served as vice president of the State Medical Society. He is in sympathy with the principles of the republican party, although not an active worker in politics, as the demands of his profession do not admit of outside interests. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and is a willing contributor in behalf of all causes that represent true benevolence and helpfulness. The possessor of many good qualities, he stands high in the regard of friends and acquaintances, not only as a practitioner of medicine but as a private citizen.

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### JAMES N. MCCOY, M. D.

Conscientious in the performance of all professional duties, his ability resting upon comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the basic principles of the science of medicine and surgery, Dr. James N. McCoy is numbered among the native sons of Knox county, his birth having occurred in Harrison township, December 17, 1873. He is a son of John R. McCoy; a grandson of Robert McCoy, and a great-grandson of John McCoy, 2nd, who was a son of John McCoy, 1st, of Virginia. This was one of the pioneer families of Virginia. John McCoy, 1st, of Scotch parentage, was a man of parts and thrift and set the example of patriotism for his numerous descendants by serving in the war of the Revolution, holding the rank of captain. At least three of his sons also served in that war, they being William McCoy, 1st, who rose to the rank of general, Robert McCoy and John McCoy, 2nd, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. Captain John McCoy had a family of seven sons and four daughters. Some of these sons felt the "call of the wild" and emigrated to the wilderness of Ohio and Indiana. Two sons, John and Robert, settled in Harrison township, Knox

county, Indiana. John McCoy was the first of the brothers to reach Indiana and made a wedding tour through the savage infested wilderness, bringing his bride, Catherine Williams, with him and settled donation 11, Harrison township, Knox county, Indiana. Robert, also a veteran of the Revolution, soon followed with his bride and settled donation 12, adjoining his brother. These lands are still held in the family. They participated in the hostilities occasioned by frequent attacks of Indians, which culminated in the Tippecanoe campaign, when General William Henry Harrison gathered forces and marched against the Indians under Tecumseh and his brother the Prophet. After a daybreak attack by the Prophet in violation of a truce, the Indians were defeated November 7, 1811, and their strength crushed, their villages burned and their corn destroyed. The whites were attacked in their camp. John McCoy was mortally wounded in the latter part of the engagement, walked to his tent, read a chapter in his Bible and died and was buried there with the others who fell. His widow lived to old age and reared the family consisting of four sons and two daughters. The sons even in early boyhood participated in the common defense of the community, in the block-house near their home. Robert settled on the old homestead. He was of stalwart physique and drew the sobriquet "Handsome Bob" to distinguish him from some of his cousins of the same name. He married Louisa Steen, a daughter of prominent family, who died at the age of thirty-three, leaving two sons, John and James. John R. McCoy was a man of sterling worth and integrity, and, though brought up in the privations of pioneer life, made the most of his limited opportunities and secured some education in the schools to which he added during his whole life. Though a busy farmer, he took time to read and was a student of men and affairs. He married Sarah Adams, a daughter of a prominent family of Virginia ancestry, carved out a home and reared four children, Ulysses G., a farmer; B. F., a grain-dealer; Dr. James N. McCoy; and Libbie, who married J. D. Burnett. John R. McCoy, like his forebears was a God-fearing and righteous man. He with his wife early became members of the Methodist Episcopal church and was an adherent of that faith to his death. He was a life-long republican and was twice honored by his party by nominations for county office, though he was not a politician or place-seeker. He died in 1896, aged sixty-two years, mourned by all who knew him. His widow still survives, meriting and holding the affection and esteem of a large circle of friends.

Dr. McCoy was educated in the public schools and at Vincennes University. Later he entered the Medical College of Indiana, from which he graduated in 1896. Immediately afterward he opened an office in Vincennes and has in the intervening years become both a popular and successful practitioner. He devotes much time to study and practice of electro therapeutics and has an office splendidly equipped with all the electrical appliances which are regarded by the most advanced members of the profession as indispensable elements to successful practice. He is a member of the Knox County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society and the American

Medical Association, and has served as secretary of the board of health of the county.

Dr. McCoy has an interesting military record, having in 1900 joined the Indiana National Guard as a member of the First Regiment, in which he became battalion adjutant, while later he was elected a captain of Company A, First Infantry, and subsequently was made quartermaster of the regiment. In March 1910, as senior captain of the state, he was promoted to the rank of major and assigned to the Second Regiment, commanding the Third Battalion. He is an expert rifleman and is deeply interested in the military organization of the state, doing everything in his power to promote its efficiency. The troops under his control are thoroughly disciplined and their training has brought them to a high degree of efficiency.

On the 20th of April, 1898, Dr. McCoy was married to Mamie Johnston, a native of Knox county and a daughter of William G. Johnston, who came from Virginia. They now have one child, Mildred Lucille, born August 25, 1899. Dr. McCoy is a Mason, belonging to Vincennes Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of which he is senior warden and to Vincennes Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M. He is descended in both paternal and maternal lines from two of the oldest and most honored families of Knox county. The names of McCoy and Adams have been inseparably associated with the substantial development of this part of the state through four generations and the history of Dr. McCoy is in accord with that of an honorable ancestry.

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### JOHN BICKNELL.

Among the native sons of Knox county who come of worthy parentage and have creditably upheld the good reputation of the family may be named John Bicknell. He was born in Bicknell, Vigo township, January 9, 1853, and has here passed his entire life. His parents were John and Liza Anne (Chancellor) Bicknell. The father was also a native of Knox county and spent his life here. He was prominent among the pioneers and owned two hundred acres of land where old Bicknell now stands, the town receiving its name in his honor. He was born May 23, 1828, and died in March, 1907. The mother, also a native of this county, died in Labette county, Kansas, October 25, 1910. In the family were nine children: Mumford, a miner of Bicknell, who served in Company G, Fifty-first Indiana Regiment, at the time of the Civil war; Mary J., the widow of Andrew Goff, of Labette county, Kansas; Nancie, of Labette, Kansas; Carrie, deceased; Ellen, the wife of Ellis Chambers, a mail carrier of Bicknell; Florence, now Mrs. William Robinson, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; John, our subject; William, of Kansas City, Missouri; and Lincoln, deceased.

The subject of this review grew up under the friendly protection of the parental roof and was educated in the district school, where he received the

rudiments of mental training, which have since been greatly developed by reading and observation. He early became acquainted with the details of farm work and before reaching manhood had acquired a knowledge sufficient to enable him to begin for himself with every expectation of abundant success. For thirty years he was closely identified with the farming interests of Washington township and gained a reputation as one of the substantial men of the region—one who attended closely to his duties and could always be relied upon to accomplish anything he undertook. Four years ago he retired from the farm, moving to Bicknell, where he has since made his home.

In March, 1881, Mr. Bicknell was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Richey, and five children came to bless the union. Ralph and Denver are both deceased. O. J. is a successful dentist of Bicknell. Ottie is the wife of Vivian Weaver, of Bicknell. Flossie May is living at home.

Mr. Bicknell as the result of his study and investigation of political affairs accepted many years ago the principles of the republican party as those best adapted to promote the interests of the country, and he is a staunch advocate of his party. Socially he is identified with the Masonic fraternity, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor, all of Bicknell. He is a firm believer in the authority of the Bible and is a member and liberal supporter of the Baptist church. He has made many friends by his fine social characteristics and is recognized as a splendid type of American citizenship. He has all his life been connected with the interests of Knox county and is an advocate of the value of persistence and patience as virtues that should be cultivated by every aspiring young man. His aim is to work along lines of public improvement and permanent progress and thus he belongs to the class of men most needed by the country in the promotion of its welfare.

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### HARRY SAITER.

Vincennes has attracted many men of business talent and capability from other localities in Indiana and also from other states but it is noticeable that many of her successful business men were born in this city, grew up here and are now heads of large and successful enterprises. Among this number may be named Harry Saiter, one of the organizers and senior member of the Saiter-Morgan Company. Although comparatively a young man, he has shown an ability that is regarded with pride by his early friends and associates and through his energy and perseverance has added materially to the prestige of this city as a business center.

Mr. Saiter was born December 17, 1873, a son of Frank Z. and Eleanor (Bowman) Saiter. His father is a native of Pennsylvania, born September

5, 1849, and came to Vincennes in 1871, where he has engaged in carriage-making. The mother of the subject of this review was born in England and came to America in her early childhood. Six children were the result of the marriage of Frank Z. and Eleanor Saiter: Harry, whose name appears at the head of this sketch; Jennie, now Mrs. George Turner, of Indianapolis; Arthur, now of Pennsylvania, who enlisted in the Spanish-American war, spent two years in the Philippine Islands and lost a leg in the service; and Charles, Alice and Elmer, all of Vincennes.

Educated in the public schools of Vincennes, Mr. Saiter laid aside his school books to enter business life as a clerk in the employ of the Cohen Clothing Company. After a fair initiation into business methods, he went to Chicago and for three years was connected with one of the hardware stores of that city. There he gained a good working knowledge of the hardware trade that he has since applied practically. Returning to his native town, he went into the carriage shop with his father and continued with him for twelve years. He was successful as a carriage manufacturer, but in the course of his work came to the conclusion that Vincennes presented a field for other lines, among them that of paints, glass and hardware. One of the distinctive characteristics of the American business man is his ability to take the initiative. He is not afraid to venture in new paths and even through grave difficulties may present themselves he often overcomes all obstacles and permanently establishes a new enterprise that is of marked importance in strengthening and developing the community. Fortune smiled on the Saiter-Morgan Company and today its headquarters at Seventh and Hickman streets occupy two large store rooms and the business, wholesale and retail, is a monument to the enterprise and energy of its founders. The rooms are stocked with well selected lines in the various departments and offices of the firm are maintained on the second floor of the building. The firm manufactures quite a number of the products used in the paint business and has a well directed force of traveling men in the field.

In 1897 Mr. Saiter was united in marriage to Miss Emma Frederick, a native of Germany, who came to America with her parents when she was in her girlhood. Four children have been born to them: Helen, born May 1, 1898; Alice, born in September, 1900; Maurice, born in November, 1902; and Mary Frances, born June, 1906.

Mr. Saiter is affiliated with the democratic party but has not devoted much time to politics, the demands of a growing business requiring his principal attention. He is a member of the Episcopal church and in fraternal circles is identified with the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of Pythias and the Travelers Protective Association. He is a man of genial social qualities and, judging by what he has accomplished, would have made a success of anything that might have attracted his attention. It is evident that he belongs to the type of men who are endowed with good judgment and who, as the years pass, gather additional energies and knowledge which they are

able to apply to practical use. It is men of this character who are at the foundation of the great business revolution which is to be witnessed in all the leading countries of the world and who may truly be designated as the modern evangels of peace and prosperity.

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### JAMES J. KELSO.

James J. Kelso occupies a beautiful home at the corporation limits of Vincennes on Fairgrand avenue. He is a retired farmer, having for a long period been closely and successfully connected with general agricultural pursuits. Throughout Knox county he has an extensive acquaintance and the leading traits of his character have been such as to gain for him the confidence, good will and high regard of all who know him.

He was born September 15, 1832, in the old house which was built by his father, William Kelso, who in early life was a resident of West Virginia, his home being in the vicinity of Kingsbury. The tide of emigration was steadily flowing westward and when nineteen years of age William Kelso determined to sever home ties and benefit by the opportunities offered in a new country, the resources of which were great, although its improvements were few. Accordingly he made his way westward to Knox county, then largely an undeveloped region, and purchased the land upon which his son James now resides. It was a wild tract upon which not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made, but with characteristic energy he began the development of the fields and in time converted the farm into a very productive tract of land, from which substantial harvests were annually gathered. He was the first settler upon this place and the creek which flows near the old home bears his name. He continued a resident of Knox county until his death and was recognized throughout the community as a man of the highest respectability.

James J. Kelso was reared amid the scenes and environments of pioneer life, for this district was still a frontier region at the time of his birth. His natal year was the one in which the Black Hawk war occurred and the Indians were thereby driven from this section of the country. At the usual age he entered the district schools. The course of instruction was then limited, but he made good use of his opportunities and in the school of experience has learned many valuable and practical lessons. His training at farm labor was not meager and he not only assisted in the work of the fields but also aided his father in the conduct of a brickyard. He continued in those lines of business until 1861, when he began farming on his own account, purchasing about one hundred and twenty acres of land. His time and energies were thereafter devoted to tilling the place until he retired, although in the meantime he had bought and sold other lands. His time was given to cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate and the practi-



cal methods which he followed made his labor a source of substantial success. His sound judgment told him when to plant his fields and he practiced the rotation of crops, so that he always kept his land in good condition. At length when he retired he sold his farm and now lives upon a part of the old family homestead at the corporation limits of Vincennes.

Mr. Kelso was united in marriage to Miss Dorcas Armstrong and they had four children: Alice, the wife of Lyle Simpson, of Vincennes, by whom she has three children—Clinton, Martha and James; Mary L., the wife of H. Healy, of New York city; Lucy; and William. After losing his first wife Mr. Kelso wedded Mary B. Badolet and they have one child, Frances, at home.

Aside from politics Mr. Kelso takes a deep interest in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of his native county. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian denomination and he is serving as an elder of the church in Vincennes in which he has his membership. He has not only been prominently identified with agricultural interests but for many years has labored with all the strength of a great nature and all the earnestness of a true heart for the betterment of the world about him and his reward is found in the love and respect of the community in which his entire life has been passed.

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### WESLEY CLEVELAND.

Wesley Cleveland, who has the honor of being connected with the same line of ancestry as Grover Cleveland, twice president of the United States, was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, September 17, 1850, and has for a number of years been a resident of Knox county. He is a son of Benjamin and Anne (McCamman) Cleveland. The father, who was born in New Jersey in 1813, emigrated to Sullivan county, Indiana, in 1834, when he was twenty-one years of age, and lived on the same farm in that county until his death, which occurred in October, 1892, just before the election of Grover Cleveland for the second time as president. He was a successful farmer, a man of genial characteristics and a patriotic citizen, who always attempted to perform his duty according to the dictates of an enlightened conscience. Politically he was in sympathy with the democratic party, but he never sought official preferment. The mother was a native of the Emerald isle. She came to this country with her parents at three years of age and here she lived until 1852, when she was called to her reward. She was a woman of kind heart, generous disposition and many noble qualities, which endeared her to her family and friends. She was the mother of nine children: Mary J., William, John, Andrew, Thomas and George, all deceased; Wesley, our subject; Benjamin, now engaged in farming near Carlisle, Sullivan county; and James, a farmer of Greene county, this state.



The subject of this review was educated in the common schools, receiving such an education as is often of great importance in shaping the character for usefulness and unselfishness and it had a marked effect in his case. He remained upon the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age and then became identified with the railroad business. Later he removed to Bicknell, where he teamed for several years, but gave up that business in 1908 to become assessor of the town and township, which position he still fills, having shown an ability that has met the hearty approval of the taxpayers. He also pays some attention to gardening. He owns the home in which he lives, with two lots and an acre of ground in the town and has an established reputation as one of the responsible and progressive citizens of Knox county.

In 1876 Mr. Cleveland was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Phillippe, who died April 2, 1901. There were eight children born to them: William; Anna Rose, the wife of M. B. Fox, of Bicknell; M. M., the wife of William Scomp, of Bicknell; Lewis; Thurman; Rebecca, deceased; Pearl; and Ray. Five of the children are now living at home and assist in making it one of the happy gathering places of Bicknell.

Mr. Cleveland, as was his father, is an adherent of the democratic party. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and encampment at Bicknell. In his life he has been controlled by a desire to assist in advancing the permanent welfare of those with whom he has been associated and his ambition has been largely realized. As a useful and enterprising citizen he has done his part toward promoting the best interests of the community and no man is more sincerely respected by those who know him than the subject of this review.

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#### RALPH L. MILLER.

Among the representative citizens of Knox county is Ralph L. Miller, the owner of a valuable farm of four hundred and fifty acres in Washington township, which he has cleared and improved during the last eight years. He was born in Brownstown, Jackson county, Indiana, August 29, 1872, and is a son of William and Ida (Smith) Miller, both of whom were natives of this state. The father began farming upon rented land in Jackson county and in 1881 fell heir to eighty acres. Six years later he came into possession of five hundred and sixty acres more and in 1889 purchased one hundred and thirty-five acres, becoming one of the extensive farmers of the county. He was called away in 1895 but the beloved mother is still living and makes her home at Seymour, Indiana.

Ralph L. Miller received his preliminary education in the district schools and grew up upon the home farm. Feeling the necessity of a liberal education in order to compete successfully in the business affairs of modern life,

he became a student at Purdue University and there continued for two years, in the course of which he learned a great deal that has assisted him very materially in the accomplishment of worthy objects. After the death of his father he took charge of the home place, continuing there until 1902, when he purchased four hundred and fifty acres of G. W. Elliott, in Washington township, this county. He has since made his home in Knox county and is the owner of one of its most valuable farms, displaying an energy and judgment in its management which have produced highly satisfactory returns.

On the 17th day of August, 1898, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Nettie W. Holmes, a daughter of John W. and Emma Holmes both of whom were born in Indiana. She is a most estimable lady and a member of the Christian church. Mr. Miller is in hearty sympathy with the principles and candidates of the democratic party, contributing liberally toward its support. He was born under favorable financial conditions and has always had an abundance of this world's goods. The high character he possesses is not the result of struggle with adversity. It was, with him, a natural endowment and has easily made him a leader in the community. The possessor of a pleasing address, an intelligent and cultivated mind and the genial qualities that attract friends, he justly occupies a high place in the estimation of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

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#### WILLIAM H. BREVOORT.

William H. Brevoort is one of the most widely known citizens of Knox county and the most prominent representative of its agricultural interests. His life has been one of untiring activity, of business enterprise and sound judgment, as evidenced in the splendid success which has rewarded his labors. He now makes his home at No. 522 Busseron street in Vincennes and has reached the seventy-second milestone on life's journey. His birth occurred in Ohio, in 1838, his parents being Jason F. and Sarah (Sefton) Brevoort. The father was a practicing physician who removed to Indianapolis, where he actively and successfully followed his profession until his life's labors were ended in death. His wife also passed away in that city.

William H. Brevoort spent the first twelve years of his life in Ohio and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Indianapolis, where he continued his education in the public schools and later entered Butler College, from which in due course of time he was graduated. He removed to Knox county in 1865 and began farming, having at first but a small tract of land. He applied himself with unceasing diligence to the cultivation of his fields and at length secured good crops, for which he found a ready sale. The proceeds of his labors he invested in further improvements upon his place and also in extending the boundaries of his farm. Success con-

tinued to attend him and from time to time he added to his property until his holdings aggregate sixty-seven hundred acres, all of which is cultivable and valuable land, making him the largest landowner in Knox county.

In 1869 Mr. Brevoort was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Mental, a daughter of Dr. John M. Mental, a prominent physician. This marriage was blessed with four children: Dorothy, William E., Margaret J. and James Scott. For his second wife Mr. Brevoort chose Amelia Shattuck, whom he wedded in 1876. He is a member of the Christian church and contributes generously to its support. As a citizen he has at all times the good of the community at heart and in many ways his ability has been exerted to make his adopted county rank with the brightest and best of those composing this great commonwealth. He stands as a splendid example of the self-made man, his life history proving what may be accomplished by close application, unflinching purpose, judicious investment and honorable dealing.

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#### HAMILTON LIKE.

Many of the leading citizens of Knox county can claim descent from pioneers coming from the south and not a few of the men and women of this county and the state of Indiana are the direct descendants of settlers who came to this region from North Carolina when Indiana was a wilderness. The forests have been cleared away, the swamps drained and the prairies plowed and today almost the entire state is under a high degree of cultivation. It is largely by the early settlers and their children and grandchildren that this great work has been accomplished. Hamilton Like, whose name introduces this review, is of worthy North Carolina and Teutonic ancestry and represents the third generation of his family in Indiana.

He was born on the farm where he now resides June 16, 1862, and is a son of Elias and Sarah (Shouse) Like. The father was also a native of Knox county and the grandfather of North Carolina, the latter coming to this region with a colony which settled in Harrison township. Elias Like entered the land upon which he located and which has ever since remained in possession of the family. Money was scarce in those early days and he hunted raccoons and quails, which were quite numerous at the time, in order to secure the necessary funds to pay for the land. That he was a man of ability is evident from the fact that he acquired about four hundred acres of land, but he sold a portion of it and at the time of his death, June 11, 1893, was the owner of two hundred acres, which passed into the possession of his heirs. The mother of our subject was a native of Knox county, her parents coming from Kentucky. Here she was married and in this county she died, February 16, 1898. Three of the children of the family died in infancy; Elizabeth is the widow of James King, living near

Monroe City; Lige and Adam are deceased; Richard is represented elsewhere in this work; Eliza Jane and Clark are deceased; Nancy A. is the wife of William Scott, a farmer of Harrison township; the next died in infancy; Hamilton is our subject; Sarah is the wife of William Beaman, a farmer of Harrison township; and Jasper and Curtis are deceased.

The subject of this review received his education in the common schools, where he showed a proficiency in mathematics much beyond the ordinary and had he desired to continue his studies in that direction, it is probable that he could have acquired quite a reputation as a mathematician. In many ways, however, he has found this faculty to be of great service to him in his business affairs. He remained at home with his parents after leaving school and upon the death of his father took charge of the farm, which he purchased when he was twenty-five years of age. He has been highly successful as a farmer and from time to time, as his resources increased, he purchased more land until he is now the owner of two farms in Harrison township, aggregating six hundred and sixty-five acres. He is an extensive cattle and hog feeder and usually succeeds in getting high prices for stock. His attention has not been devoted entirely to farming, as he was one of the organizers of the Monroe City Bank and is one of its stockholders and a member of its board of directors.

The father and mother of Mr. Like were members of the Missionary Baptist church, but he has never identified himself with any religious organization, although he is a friend to all of them. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party and accepts its principles as those best adapted to conserve the permanent interests of the people. As a business man Mr. Like stands very high and is regarded by those who know him best as a man of rare judgment and good executive ability. He is wide-awake, progressive and broad-minded and may justly be named as a representative of the best class of citizens whose influence is always for prosperity.

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### J. H. HAMMON.

All experience demonstrates that the surgeon is an indispensable member of modern society and in perhaps even a greater degree does the value of the services of the skilled optician appeal. Tens of thousands of men and women would be almost helpless in caring for themselves or others were it not for the beautiful art, illuminated by the light of science, by which a feeble or uncertain vision is made reliable and strong, and the beneficiary is not only enabled to be self-reliant and self-supporting but is able to meet fully all the exigencies and requirements of a busy life.

To men like Dr. J. H. Hammon is the world indebted for the priceless blessings which are available through the use of the eye glass. After the principles of the art had been thoroughly worked out by some of the great-

est scientists of the world, the practical application to everybody uses was made by men who possessed both the scientific and business instinct and in almost every civilized community these men may now be found. Dr. Hammon began in the optical business in a modest way, in Vincennes, in 1898, and a few years later, seeing the opportunity that was presented and having faith in substantial recognition of a home institution, he installed a manufacturing plant, which has become the largest producer of optical goods in the state of Indiana. The manufactory is in charge of C. F. Kramer, a graduate of the Northern Illinois Optical College. It is fitted out with the most modern machinery and manufactures all optical goods called by the retail trade.

Dr. Hammon occupies a suite of three offices at 422 Main street, the manufacturing establishment being immediately in the rear. The territory covered by the house includes Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Illinois. Dr. Hammon is a man of large executive ability and is one of the valuable citizens of a growing center which numbers among its business and professional men many of the brightest minds in Indiana. The leaders in the manufacturing world are recognized everywhere as highly important factors in modern civilization and it is to these wide-awake and progressive citizens that in a large measure the prosperity and happiness of our country are due. Viewed in this light every reasonable encouragement should be extended to worthy enterprises. Citizens of Vincennes recognize this fact and by their progressive spirit have attracted such enterprises as the one herein described.

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### FREDERICK MYERS.

The life span of Frederick Myers covered eighty-seven years. It began November 11, 1822, and was brought to a termination in August, 1909. By the fit utilization of his innate talents and powers during that period he steadily worked his way upward and in his later years lived retired, enjoying a substantial income derived from a farm of two hundred and fifty acres. His parents were Jacob and Margaret (McCracken) Myers, and the former was of German descent and the latter of Irish.

Frederick Myers attended the schools of Knox county but was largely a self-educated man. He became well informed through private reading, studying and investigation and throughout his life had the keenest appreciation of the value of broad general knowledge. He was early trained to habits of industry and economy and those traits in later years were strongly marked characteristics in his life. His economy and careful management in his manhood enabled him at length to purchase land and devoting his attention to farming, he prospered in his undertakings and added to his holdings until he became the owner of a very excellent and valuable farm

of two hundred and fifty acres situated on the lower Petersburg road about eight miles from Vincennes. Besides this he had given his five children fifty acres each. Year by year he carefully tilled the soil and cultivated his crops and his labors were rewarded in the late autumn by abundant harvests. He also added to his farm many modern improvements in the way of good buildings and in time he became the possessor of a valuable competence which enabled him to live retired.

Mr. Myers was married twice, his first wife being Miss Matilda Reel, by whom he had five children, namely: John R., Mary, Margaret, Alfred and William. On the 30th of March, 1882, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Sarah (Case) Traylor, the widow of Sanford Traylor, who was born May 19, 1828, and died May 1, 1879. By her first marriage she had seven children, four of whom are living. Martha is the wife of Louis Summitt and has two children: Andrew, who is married and has one child, Glendola; and Ruby. John is the next of the family. Ella is the widow of Homer Beckes, at one time a prominent lawyer of Vincennes, by whom she had one child, Ralph, now attending school. Minnie F. first married Linden Tasswell, by whom she had two sons, Hall and John F., deceased. She is now the wife of Robert Epps, of Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Myers gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and upon that ticket was elected to the office of county commissioner for three terms. His reelection is an indication of his loyalty to duty and his promptness in discharging the tasks that devolved upon him in that connection. He manifested at all times a spirit of progressive citizenship and took an active interest in everything that pertained to the welfare and upbuilding of the county in material, intellectual, social and moral lines. He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church and for over fifty years was one of its elders. Of such a record he had every reason to be proud. It indicated as nothing else could do not only his standing in the church but in the community. His life measured up to the highest standards of Christian manhood and citizenship and constituted an example that may well serve as an inspiration to others.

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